Energy Recovery – Applied to IAQ

Understanding IAQ Concept, Energy Recovery Options, HRW Design Parameters and DOAS

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What is IAQ?

IAQ stands for 'Indoor Air Quality'

Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) refer to the nature of the conditioned (Heat/Cool) Air that circulate throughout space/area where we work and live i.e. the air we breathe during most of our lives.

Indoor Air Quality (IAQ)

- Health professionals consistent and persistent concerns on the health hazards caused in workplaces and the increasing number of lawsuits all over the world have prompted the HVAC designer to sit back and think.
- With research clearly indicating that we spend 90 % of our time indoors and the growing scientific evidence that the air indoor is almost 10 to 100 times more polluted than outside, the risk to health is much greater indoors than outdoors.
- Modern techniques and construction have added to the problem, with more and more airtight buildings replacing the leaky buildings of yesteryears.

Conditioned Space



Optimum Humidity Ranges



*Insufficient data above 50% R.H.

Source: Sterling: ASHRAE 1985.

Poor IAQ results in

- •eye, nose and throat irritation
- headache
- fatigue
- reduced concentration
- irritability
- •dry skin and nose bleeds

Poor IAQ also results in

- Asthma
- Bronchitis
- Dermatitis
- Flu
- Pneumonia
- Sinusitis

People have varying degrees of sensitivity to humidity, which increases the problem.

INDOOR AIR POLLUTANTS

- Environmental tobacco smoke (ETS)
- Formaldehydes
- Radon
- Asbestos
- VOC from solvents, paints, varnishes, carpets etc.
- Biological organisms like bacteria ,viruses , fungus
- Odours and dust &
- All outdoor pollutants sulphur, nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide, high pollen counts, pesticides, chemicals etc.

Methods to Enhance IAQ to reduce Indoor Air Pollution

Control source of pollution

Although, source control is the most effective way of dealing with Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) problem, it is often impractical, expensive and sometimes impossible.



- Do not revitalize the air
- Cannot rid indoor air of particulate contaminants
- Have no effect on concentration of pollutants like formaldehyde, carbon monoxide and other gases

Ventilation

Ventilation is the movement of air and it's contained pollutants to outdoors and flow of fresh air indoors.

- The flow of fresh air dilutes the concentration of pollutant indoors.
- It is ideal way of keeping indoor air clean.

However, simple mechanical ventilation increases the fresh air

load on conditioning systems resulting increase in tonnage . . .

more energy cost.

Indoor Air Quality (IAQ)



Increase in Ventilation Rate Yields Reduction in Airborne Infections



Source : Nunnelly, R.R., Designing for Absolute Moisture, May, 2002.

Ventilation Rates

IAQ generally refers to the quality of the conducted air in an indoor environment. Other terms related to IAQ include **Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ)** and "**Sick Building Syndrome (SBS)**".

Application	Ventilation Rate/person	Application	Ventilation Rate/person	
Office space Smoking Lounge	20 cfm 60 cfm 20 cfm	Auditorium Conference Rooms Classrooms	15cfm 20cfm 15cfm	
Restaurants Beauty Salon Bars/Cocktail Supermarkets	25 cfm 30 cfm 30 cfm 20 cfm	Hospital Rooms Laboratory Operating Rooms	25cfm 20cfm 30 cfm	

Problems Related to High Fresh / Ventilation Air



Ventilation Load

The "Ventilation Load Index" or VLI, is a fairly new term that is gaining popularity in our industry. It was introduced to emphasize the difference between the sensible and latent ventilation loads (in ton-hrs/cfm) of outside air introduced inside to a space neutral condition (72 degrees F/55% RH).

VLI Load Profile



Ventilation Load Index

City	Lo	oad per ye	ear			
	Ton - hours / SCFM			Saving with ERV (65% eff. / 1000 cfm)		
Name	Sensible	Latent	Total	1	ſon – Hrs / Yea	r
Ahmedabad	8.78	16.61	25.39	5707	10797	16504
Amritsar	5.58	13.29	18.87	3627	8639	12266
Bangalore	3.35	16.02	19.37	2178	10413	12591
Bhopal	6.13	10.38	16.51	3985	6747	10732
Chennai	8.6	30.14	38.74	5590	19591	25181
Debnigah	3.48	19.55	23.03	2262	12708	14970
Delhi	6.94	14.22	21.16	4511	9243	13754
Guwahati	4.72	23.18	27.9	3068	15067	18135
Hyderabad	7.01	14.58	21.59	4557	9477	14034
Indore	5.74	9.25	14.99	3731	6013	9744
Jaipur	7.49	11.62	19.11	4869	7553	12422
Kolkata	6.85	27.62	34.47	4453	17953	22406
Lucknow	6.42	17.36	23.78	4173	11284	15457
Mangalore	6.64	26.6	33.24	4316	17290	21606
Mumbai	7.38	25.26	32.64	4797	16419	21216
Patna	6.78	20.48	27.26	4407	13312	17719
Pune	4.64	14.84	19.48	3016	9646	12662
Ranchi	4.32	15.66	19.98	2808	10179	12987
Trivandrum	7.68	17.12	24.8	4992	11128	16120
Vizag	7.78	30.72	38.5	5057	19968	25025

Load Characteristics (Typical)



Source : Lew Harriman

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Have we traded one problem for another?

Can the two co-exist?

What are the design options?



- Fresh Air
- Adequate Ventilation Rate
- Good IAQ

- Adequate Fresh Air
- Excess Moisture
- Resultant Problems
 Mould, mildew, fungus

The Designer's Dilemma

- The conventional energy efficient building practices, resulted in construction of 'tighter' building spaces, using re-circulated air for ventilation. Poor design principles were employed to enable energy conservation in air-conditioned spaces, jeopardizing the health of the occupants.
- Fresh air ventilation runs contrary to the guidelines being followed by HVAC professionals. Higher fresh air ventilation needs translate into higher outdoor air changes per changes, which leads to more air-conditioning loads necessitating installation of higher capacity plants. This leads to higher initial cost and higher energy bills.
- The right humidity levels have to be maintained despite the increased ventilation rates and also to avoid expensive and inefficient solution like re-heat.
- New standards and increased awareness of the effect of IAQ on health necessitates the engineers and building designers conceptualize and provide cost effective solution to indoor air quality requirements.

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Energy Recovery for cost effective IAQ

- Increased ventilation for IAQ translates as higher utility bills
- Need for effective management of energy systems
- Integrating energy recovery devices to air conditioning systems becomes imperative for meeting IAQ standards cost -effectively

AIR TO AIR HEAT EXCHANGE DEVICES LISTED ASHRAE EQUIPMENT HB 1988:

- Rotary Energy Exchangers
- Coil Energy Recovery Loop
- Twin-Tower Enthalpy Recovery
 Loop
- Heat Pipe Heat Exchangers
- Fixed Plate Exchangers
- Thermo-syphon Heat
 Exchangers

Heat Recovery Technologies

Flat Plate Core (Counter Flow) Flat Plate Core (Cross Flow)



Enthalpy Wheels - Appropriate choice for energy recovery in comfort ventilation

- The chart compares typical effectiveness and pressure drop data for different recovery device
- The enthalpy wheel has
 - the highest effectiveness
 - least pressure drop at any face velocity



Total Energy Recovery Wheel Principle of Operation



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Evaluation Parameters for Choosing Right Technology

Following are some parameters based on which one can evaluate each option and then test it for ones application. The various parameters important for picking up the right option are

- i. Ventilation load profile
- ii. Efficiency profile
- iii. Substrate type / Desiccant type
- iv. Pressure drops
- v. Cross contamination
- vi. Microbial growth on substrate
- vii. Fire Rating
- viii. Manufacturing Tolerances
- ix. Structural Strength

Efficiency Profile

Total load (VLI)

S.No	Recovery Technology	Sensible Efficiency	Latent Efficiency	Total Efficiency for Mumbai
1	Sensible Rotary heat exchanger	77%	Nil	17%
2	Hygroscopic Rotary heat exchanger	68%	21%	32%
3	Desiccant based rotary heat exchanger	77%	77%	77%
4	Cross flow type	65%	Nil	15%
5	Heat Pipe based	60%	Nil	14%
6	Separated coil based	55%	Nil	13%

Substrate / Desiccant type

	Latent Efficiency	Desiccant Carryover
Etched (oxidized Alumunium)	Low	High
Molecular Sieve 3A ^o	High	Negligible
Molecular Sieve 4A ^o	High	Moderate
Silica Gel	High	High

Source : (GTRI report)

Pressure Drops

Pressure drops across the heat recovery wheel are dependent on following characteristics:

- Pitch Height/Width of Flute
- Substrate Type
- Fouling
- Heat Exchanger Width

Pitch Profile

Substrate

- 1. Thickness (gsm)
- 2. Specific Heat
- 3. Specific Gravity

Coating

- 1. Thickness (gsm)
- 2. Isotherm
- 3. Heat of adsorption
- 4. Heat Capacity

Flute Geometry p-pitch h-height d-depth

Recommended 0.1" per 100 FPM of Face Velocity

Pressure Drops

	Pressure Drop	Sensible Efficiency	Latent Efficiency
200mm deep etched aluminum substrate HRW	0.51"	68%	21%
270 mm deep desiccant based aluminum substrate HRW	0.76"	78%	76%
100 mm deep synthetic fibre HRW	1.24"	70.6%	66.8%

Cross Contamination

Variations in Pore Diameter among Desiccants



- C 5 Å Molecular Sieve
- D 10Å Molecular Sieve
- E Activated Alumina
- F Silica Gel

Critical Diameters of Various Molecules

All Diameters Expressed in Ångstrom Units

Helium	2.0	Propane, nC4 to nC22		
Hydrogen, acetylene	2.4	Propylene		
Water, oxygen, carbon monoxide		Ethyl-mercaptan, butene 1, butene 2 trans	5.1	
carbon dioxide	2.8	Diflurochloromethane (R 22)	5.3	
Nitrogen	3.0	Iso C ₂₂	5.6	
Ammonia, hydrogen sulfide	3.6	Cyclohexane	6.1	
Argon	3.8	Toluene, paraxylene	6.7	
Methane	4.0	Benzene	6.8	
Ethylene, ethylene monoxide	4.2	Carbon tetrachloride	6.9	
Ethane, methanol, ethanol	4.4	Methaxylene	7.1	
Methyl-mercaptan	4.5	Tri-ethylamine	8.4	
The possibility of adsorption depends not only on the dimension and the shape of the molecules (linear, ramified, cyclic) but also on their polarity. If there is no steric hindrance the molecules are preferentially adsorbed when their polarity is well pronounced.		H2O NH3 CH3, OH, alcohol, aldehydes, keto SO2 H2S, mercaptans Alcynes CO2 Alcanes CH4 CO	ones	
Cross Contamination

Common Pollutants	Molecular sieve 3A ^o	Molecular sieve 4A ^o	Oxidized Aluminum	Silica Gel
Acetaldehyde	0%	>30%	>50%	>50%
Acetic Acid	0%	30-50%	>50%	>50%
Acetone	0%	<10%	10-30%	10-30%
Amyl Alcohol	0%	0%	30-50%	30-50%
Benzene	0%	0%	10-30%	10-30%
Butanol	0%	10-30%	30-50%	30-50%
Butylacetate	0%	<10%	10-30%	10-30%
Butryic Acid	0%	0%	>50%	>50%
Carbon Dioxide	0%	1%	1-20%	1-20%
Chloroform	0%	0%	30-50%	30-50%
Cyclohexane	0%	0%	<10%	<10%
Dichlorobenzene	0%	0%	<10%	<10%
Dioxane	0%	30-50%	>50%	>50%
Ethanol	0%	30-50%	30-50%	30-50%
Ethyl Acetate	0%	0%	10-30%	10-30%

Desiccant Carryover (source Semco)



During the Carry over Test, the Purge was mounted to the shown **Purge Position**. Purge mounted in Supply Air Leaving Zone

Test 5	qv	qm	t	x	ρ	h	qm2/qm1	n	pBaro	Δp_{22-11}	a ₁₁	a ₂₂	λοο
Purge Angle 3°	m ³ /h	kg/h	°C	g/kg	kg/m^3	kJ/kg	-	-	Pa	Pa	ppm	ppm	%
Exhaust IN 11	3967	4499	19.4	4.7	1.134	31.46	1.00	25	95527	464.3	14.91	0.005	0.03
Exhaust OUT 12	5701	6512	17.3	4.7	1.142	29.33							
Supply IN 21	5842	6515	16.8	4.7	1.144	28.84							
Supply OUT 22	3958	4501	18.6	4.7	1.137	30.62							
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Microbial growth

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est Metho	ods / Protocol As p	er guidelines of DIN EN ISO 846		
est Fungi	Used :			
spergillus	niger	ATCC 9642		
enicilhim	funiculosum	ATCC 11797		
weobasid	lium pullulans	ATCC 9348		
Hiocladium	w vireus	ATCC 9645		
haetomiu	m globozum	ATCC 6205		
est Bacter	ria used :			
seudaman	uas aeruginosa	ATCC 25668		
ncubation	Temperature	Fursus : 24 + 190	RH > 95%	
		Bacteria 29±1°C	RH > 90%	
ncubation	Period	: 4 weeks		
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Microbial growth

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Microbial growth

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Fire Rating

TEST PROCEDURE

The results of the tests are expressed by indexes which compare the characteristics of the sample under tests relative to that of select grade red oak flooring and asbestos-cement board.

(A) FLAME SPREAD CLASSIFICATION:

This index relates to the rate of progression of a flame along a sample in the 25 foot tunnel.

A natural gas flame is applied to the front of the sample at the start of the test and drawn along the sample by a draft kept constant for the duration of the test.

An observer notes the progression of the flame front relative to time. This information is plotted on a graph (flame spread curve).

The test apparatus is calibrated such that the flame spread classification for red oak flooring is 100, and 0 for asbestos-cement board.

CALCULATIONS: ASTM E84-95

According to the test standard, the flame spread classification is equal to 4900 when $(195 - A_t)$

At is the total area beneath the flame spread curve, if this area exceeds 97.5 minute feet.

If the area beneath the curve is less than or equal to 97.5 minute feet the classification becomes $0.515 \times A_{t}$.

Fire Rating

TEST RESULTS

FLAME SPREAD

The resultant flame spread classifications are as follows: (rounded to nearest 5)

Molecular Sieve Desiccant Coated	Flame	Flame Spread
Corrugated Aluminum Foil	Spread	Classification
Run 1	0	0

SMOKE DEVELOPED

TEST PROCEDURE (Continued)

(B) <u>SMOKE DEVELOPED:</u>

A photocell is used to measure the amount of light which is obscured by the smoke passing down the tunnel duct.

When the smoke from a burning sample obscures the light beam, the output from the photocell decreases. This decrease with time is recorded and compared to the results obtained for red oak which is 100.

CALCULATIONS:

 $\frac{10,000 - (smoke integrator reading) \times 100}{3356} = smoke developed$

SMOKE DEVELOPED

TEST RESULTS

SMOKE DEVELOPED

The areas beneath the smoke developed curve and the related classifications are as follows: (rounded to nearest 5)

Molecular Sieve Desiccant Coated	Smoke	Smoked Developed
Corrugated Aluminum Foil	Developed	Classification
Run 1	3	5

Manufacturing Tolerances



Structural Strength



LCS (Life Cycle Savings)

Wheel Type	Sensible Efficiency	Latent Efficiency	TR Recovery	Annual Energy Saving s (A)	Pressure Drop (Pa)	Energy Consumption of TFA/year (B) (with Additional 200 pascal for external/ filters)	Net savings/ Year C= (A-B)	Savings in First cost due to TR Reduction (D)	Savings for I st Year of operati ons C+D	Savings for 15 Years E=15C+ D
Wheel A	68%	21%	24.8	3,46,000/-	170	1,53,120/-	1,92,880-	6,20,000/-	8,12,880-	35,13,200/-
Wheel B	77%	77%	62.8	8,80,000/-	195	1,63,152/-	7,16,848/-	15,70,000/-	22,86,848/-	1,23,22,720/-
Wheel C	68.7%	64.6%	53.8	7,47,500/-	333	2,11,200/-	5,36,300/-	13,45,000/-	18,81,300/-	93,89,500/-

Outside Conditions	=	90DB/86WB	CFM	=	10000 (1800 mm wheel dia)
Inside Conditions	=	72 DB / 62 WB / 55% RH	CITY	=	KOLKATA
Wheel A	=	200 mm deep Aluminum substrate Hygroscopic wheel	VLI	=	34.47 TR-hr/cfm/yr
Wheel B	=	270 mm deep Aluminum substrate MS 3A ⁰ coated wheel	CALL CENTRE	=	16 HR OPERATION
Wheel C	=	100 mm deep synthetic fibre MS 4A ⁰ wheel		300) days per yr
			Power Consumption	=	1.1 kw/ TR
			Chilled Water System	=	Rs. 25000/ TR

Qualitative Factors

Wheel Type	Cross Contamination	Microbial growth	Fire Rating	Structural Strength	Manufacturing Tolerances
Wheel A	HIGH	NIL	SUITABLE	MODERATE	MODERATE
Wheel B	NIL	NIL	SUITABLE	HIGH	NEGLIGIBLE
Wheel C	MODERATE	PROBABILITY	RISK	LOW	MODERATE

Wheel A	=	200 mm deep Aluminum substrate Hygroscopic wheel
Wheel B	=	270 mm deep Aluminum substrate MS 3A ⁰ coated wheel

Wheel C = 100 mm deep synthetic fibre MS 4A⁰ wheel

Other Considerations

While finalizing recovery system it is also important that some more aspects be kept in mind while finalizing HVAC design. Some such considerations are

- Balanced/ Unbalanced air flow
- Corrosive Environment
- Redundancy
- Casing leakage Standard
- Space requirements/ Duct adequacies
- Purge

Balanced/Unbalanced Air Flow

Many designers simply use 50 – 70 % of the exhaust air (leave rest for leakage) to recover energy citing the need to keep positive pressure to reduce infiltration. Although the thought is fine but modern building have very low leakage class and a 10%unbalance in the supply air/ exhaust air is sufficient to satisfy that need. Dumping 30-40% exhaust is a waste of energy.

Unbalance = $\frac{SA - EA}{SA} \times 100 \%$

Corrosive Environment

If the internal or external environment is highly corrosive i.e. has a very level of acidic or basic compounds, adequate case should be taken to choose the right substrate. Many manufacturers specify special substrate for highly acidic environments like battery manufacturing etc. Even for mildly corrosive environment like Animal houses special wheels made by manufacturers, are available. Also organic vapours also effect the latent recovery of the wheel and has a masking effect on desiccant. Special filters for such application are advised.

Redundancy

Once a recovery system is put in place, automatically the load requirement reduces. It has been a practice to keep the chiller tonnage as designed (without recovery) and use the recovery device for energy saving only.

Such redundancy not only increases the first cost but also makes the chillers run on partial loads all the time.

This reduces the efficiency of chiller as they are most efficient of full load.

Illustration of Wheel Purge Section

Theory of Operation - A specific volume of air is allowed to bypass into exhaust air stream, minimizing carryover of contaminants from return air.



Purge angle is a function of air velocity, and purge volume is a function of wheel volume and rotation speed.

Media Carry Over



Due to the fixed volume of air being transferred as the wheel rotates, cross contamination of the air streams occurs.

CHECK LIST

Efficiency	:	S.E. > 75% L.E. > 75%
Pressure Drop	:	less than 0.1" per 100 FPM
Substrate	:	Aluminum
Desiccant	:	Desiccant MS 3A ⁰
Microbial Growth	:	Tested for 0% growth of fungi / Bacteria as per DIN EN ISO 846.
Fire Rating	:	Should be 0% Flame spread
		0-5 class for smoke developed
Manufacturing		
Tolerance	:	Minimum deviation from mean hydraulic diameter vertical winding
Structural Strength	:	Suggested 200 mm deep or higher
Purge	:	Must
Balance	:	10% unbalance
Corrosive		
Environment	:	Right substrate
Redundancy	:	Remove extra chiller capacity
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Green Building

A green building is an environmentally sustainable building-designed, constructed and operated to minimize the total environmental impacts.

The main strategy to achieve a green building status includes:

- Reduced energy consumption
- Better IEQ (Indoor Environmental Quality)
- Water conservation
- Recycling waste

LEED

- LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental design) is a "Green Building Rating System" which attempts to certify and push the advancement of a global implementation of green buildings and development standards.
- Under LEED extra points can be gained by increasing the Fresh Air Quantity by at least 30% above the minimum rates required by ASHRAE standard 62% 2007 as determined by EQ-requisite 1.

Outdoor Air Requirements for Ventilation of Air Conditioned Spaces

The LEED standard states "Increase breathing zone outdoor air ventilation rates to all occupied spaces by at least 30% above the minimum rates required by ASHRAE Standard 62.1-2007 as determined by EQ Prerequisite 1".

This increased amount of ventilation has definitely solved IAQ related problems, but the inability to maintain the right humidity by our HVAC systems has lead us to other problems.

Mold & Mildew are serious dilemma in itself, which are caused by lack of humidity control. The question is "Have we Traded one problem with the other".

Olympia Tech. Park - Chennai, India



Fresh Air Facts

- Internal room comfort at 730 F +_ 2 and RH not exceeding 60% as against a prevailing norm of 730 F +_ 2 and RH not exceeding 65 %.
- Installation of carbon dioxide sensors to monitor indoor air quality and replace stale CO₂ laden air with a fresh in-draft whenever C02 exceeds a certain level.
- Planned indoor **fresh air quality at 20 CFM per person** (ASHRAE Standards) as against the prevailing norm of 15 CFM.
- Air replacement cycle adapted to the number of people present in the indoor area; when the number of people declined, the sensors monitor this accordingly and slow down the air replacement frequency from five per hour to two per hour and vice versa.
- 102 no.'s of Treated Fresh Air Units model FLE-150 with **Heat Recovery Wheels** Model HRW-950, each handles 2400 cfm of fresh air.

Why do you need to Treat Fresh Air in



Special Areas

- Operation Theaters
- Nurseries
- Burn Wards
- ICUs
- Labs
- Isolation Wards (TB, HIV, etc.)
 To
- Avoid infection from spreading
- Maintain IAQ
- Keep Utility/Air conditioning Bills down

Hospital Vs. General Building Airconditioning

- To restrict air movement in and between various depts.
- For ventilation and filtration
 - ➡ To dilute and remove contamination--
 - odour, airborne micro-organisms, viruses, hazardous chemical and radioactive substances.
- Varying temperature and humidity requirements.
- Design sophistication needed...
 - ⇒ For accurate control of environmental conditions

APPENDIX E VENTILATION RATES FOR HEALTH CARE FACILITIES, RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, AND VEHICLES

TABLE E-1*

Outdoor Air Requirements for Ventilation of Health Care Facilities (Hospitals, Nursing and Convalescent Homes)

	Estimated Maximum**	Outdoor Air Requirements				
Application	Occupancy P/1000 ft ² or 100 m ²	cfm/ person	L/s [.] person	cfm/ft ²	L/s · m ²	Comments
Patient rooms	10	25	13			Special requirements or codes and pressure rela-
Medical procedure	20	15	8			tionships may determine minimum ventilation
Operating rooms	20	30	15			rates and filter efficiency. Procedures generating
Recovery and ICU	20	15	8			contaminants may require higher rates.
Autopsy rooms	20			0.50	2.50	Air shall not be recirculated into other spaces.
Physical therapy	20	15	8			

* Table E-1 prescribes supply rates of acceptable outdoor air required for acceptable indoor air quality. These values have been chosen to dilute human bioeffluents and other contaminants with an adequate margin of safety and to account for health variations among people and varied activity levels.

** Net occupiable space.

Source: ASHRAE STANDARD 62.1

Medicity Hospital, India

Good IAQ and high energy efficiency in Medicity are maintained through properly designed HVAC systems. DRI has installed 24 units of Treated Fresh Air Units (TFAs) to ensure considerable reduction in installed tonnage, reduction in utility bills for entire life cycle, enhanced IAQ and productivity and reduced health risks.



- Total Fresh Air provided by DRI TFA's =
- Air Conditioning tonnage reduction

1,19,300 cfm 526 TR

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Control Strategies



Baseline system with Reheat

Traditionally one would immediately talk about a system with low ADP. i.e., having low chilled water temperature, high row deeps (8 row or deeper) and reheat with active energy.

Such systems do help but are highly inefficient and drain lot of energy. The fact that one has to first sub-cool and then add active reheat wasting energy twice.

An example of passive Humidity/Moisture control in a 3 ton unit

This is what happens in conventional air-conditioning units handling high moisture loads with little sensible loads.



Moisture removal by a conventional cooling unit is small or negligible unless the run time is in excess of 40 to 50%.

Research by Hensender

After the compressor shuts off, moisture condensed on the cooling coil re-evaporates

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DOAS Approach



- Divide the load into the two components i.e. Sensible & Latent.
- Approach commonly referred to as the "Divide and Conquer".
- All the latent load brought by outside air is removed at the source & also air is supplied at a low dew point to take care of internal latent load.
- The parallel internal cooling devices are then limited to take care of sensible cooling load.

Consider a two storied Call Center in Mumbai with the following load profile

= 93°F DB/82° 1) Peak Wet Bulb temperature with mean coincidental dry bulb (0.4%) (peak enthalpy) FWB/149 gr/lb $= 72^{\circ}F DB/55\%$ 2) Inside condition RH/65gr/lb 3) Inside Load pattern GROUND FLOOR (GF) Effective room Sensible Heat 451680 Btu/hr = 98000 Btu/hr Effective room Latent Heat = Occupancy 300 Persons FIRST FLÓOR (FF) Effective room Sensible Heat 515832 Btu/hr = Effective room Latent Heat 101000 Btu/hr = Occupancy 325 Persons Outdoor Air Flows 4) GROUND FLOOR (GF) = $300 \times 20 = 6000 \text{ cfm}$ with 20 cfm per person FIRST FLOOR (FF) = 325 x 20 = 6500 cfm 5) Humidity Ratio rise for DOAS to maintain 65 gr/lb inside **GROUND FLOOR (GF)** Effective room Latent Heat 98000 Btu/hr = Bypassed OA Latent Heat (6000 x (149-65) x0.68x0.12) = 41126 Btu/hr 1.2 - Bypass Factor Internal Latent Loads W/o OA load = 56874 Btu/hr Humidity Rise ΔWGF = <u>56874</u> = 13.9gr/lb 0.68 x 6000 FIRST FLOOR (FF) Effective room Latent Heat = 101000 Btu/hr Bypassed OA Latent Heat (6500 x (149-65) x0.68x0.12) = 44554 Btu/hr Internal Latent Loads W/o OA load = 56446 Btu/hr = <u>56446</u> = 12.8gr/lb 0.68 x 6500 Humidity Rise ΔWFF Hence we choose ΔW Selected = 13.9gr/lb Supply air dew point (DOAS) 6) **Vlague** W = W Inside – ΔW Selected = = 51.1 gr/lb Ťsupply = 49°F Dew point $= 70^{\circ}F$ 7) Supply air Temperature (DOAS)

Hence one can design a Dedicated Outside Air System with 70°F DB/ 49° F DP as supply air condition and internal AHU's will work as sensible cooling devices only.

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DOAS Evaluation

- **OPTION I** : Baseline system with dehumidification coil only (CC)
- OPTION II : Rotary passive desiccant air-to-air heat exchanger coupled with dehumidification coil. (EW+CC)
- **OPTION III** : Rotary passive desiccant air-to-air heat exchanger coupled with dehumidification coil and sensible air to air heat exchanger. (EW+CC+SW)
- **OPTION IV** : Active desiccant dehumidification wheel (with condenser heat reactivation) coupled with DX Cooling coil. (CC+ADESW)
- OPTION V : Rotary passive desiccant air-to-air heat exchanger coupled with dehumidification coil and passive desiccant dehumidification wheel. (EW+CC+PDHC)

Schedule of DOAS System with Cooling Coil



S.No.		1		2			
	0	utdoor Air (Conditio	Supply Air Conditions			
	cfm	DBT °F	grs/lb	Btu/lb	DBT °F	grs/lb	Btu/lb
1	1000	95	152.98	46.93	48.75	51.1	19.6
2	1000	85	162.27	45.88	48.75	51.1	19.6
Schedule of DOAS with Enthalpy Wheel and Cooling Coil



			1			2		3			
S.No.	0	Outdoor A	ir Conditi	ons	Off V	Vheel Condi	tions	Off C	oil Condit	ions	
	cfm	DBT °F	grs/lb	Btu/lb	DBT °F	grs/lb	Btu/lb	DBT °F	grs/lb	Btu/lb	
1	1000	95	152.98	46.93	80	91.89	33.6	48.75	51.1	19.6	
2	1000	85	162.27	45.88	77.5	94.21	33.35	48.75	51.1	19.6	

Schedule of DOAS with Enthalpy Wheel, Cooling Coil and Sensible Wheel



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S.No.		Outdoor Air	Conditions		W NO	heel Condi	tions	Off Co	I Condition	15	Supply	Air Con	ditions	Return	Air on EN \	Wheel
	cfm.	DBT 'F	grs/lb	Btu/Ib	DBT 'F	grs/lb	Btullb	DBT 'F	grs/lb	Btu/lb	DBT 'F	grs/lb	Btu/lb	DBT*F	grs/b	Btu/Ib
1	1000	95	152.98	46.93	68.19	91.89	30.69	48.75	51.1	19.6	64.5	51.1	23.43	59.25	71.52	25.33
2	1000	85	162.27	45.88	65.69	94.21	30.44	48.75	51.1	19.6	64.5	51.1	23.43	59.25	71.52	25.33

Schedule of DOAS with Cooling Coil and Active Desiccant Wheel

(React with Condenser Heat at 120°F)



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S.No.	C	Outdoor Air	Condition	S	Off (Coil Condit	ions	Off W	heel Cond	itions		
	cfm	DBT °F	grs/lb	Btu/lb	DBT °F	grs/lb	Btu/lb	DBT °F	grs/lb	Btu/Ib		
1	1000	95	152.98	46.93	55.64	66.1	23.6	75.64	51.10	26.15		
2	1000	85	162.27	45.88	55.64	66.1	23.6	75.64	51.10	26.15		

Schedule of DOAS with Enthalpy Wheel, Cooling Coil

and Passive Desiccant Wheel



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1	1000	95	152,98	46.93	73.96	101.64	33.64	54.79	64.1	23.08	62.88	51.1	23.04	66.94	84.52	29.24
2	1000	85	162.27	45.88	71.46	103.96	33.38	54.79	64.1	23.08	62.88	51.1	23,04	66.94	84.52	29.24

System load at Mumbai Monsoon Condition



System load at Mumbai Summer Condition



The Ultimate Fresh Air HVAC System



Psychometric Process



Working Principle of Passive Desiccant Wheel



The unique passive desiccant wheel (Patent Pending) has the ability to be regenerated with the 50% RH room return air allowing for substantial moisture removal through dehumidification of the saturated (100% RH) Fresh Air being supplied to the room. This is intelligently controlled by the DRISmart EMS (Energy Management System) to regulate speed optimization for different load conditions and different outside conditions.

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Installation Options

DOAS in Parallel with Terminal Equipment



Installation Options

DOAS in Series with Terminal Equipment



Parallel Sensible Cooling Options

When using the DOAS approach the internal cooling devices work only as sensible cooling devices. The options available for internal cooling / heating are:



Radiant Cooling Panels





Active Chilled Beams



Chilled Beams

Out of the four options the chilled beam is coming out to be a winner with distinct advantages on Energy. Also the problem of condensation is resolved by the use of DOAS.

- Utilizes a constant volume of primary air providing the full ventilation air required and humidity control at all times and at all sensible load conditions.
- Has less potential for objectionable drafts during cooling as the discharge air temperatures are much more temperate.
- Can significantly reduce fan energy consumption as the primary airflow is much lower than other conventional HVAC systems, particularly "all air" systems by about 60-70%.
- Offers very low noise levels when designed at typical unit inlet static pressures of 0.5"w.c (typically NC -30 or less)
- Reduces maintenance requirements as the active chilled beams have no moving parts requiring regular maintenance, and use simple, low cost controls.

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Typical problems in Indoor Swimming Pools

- Uncomfortably humid in the pool area when in normal clothes
- Strong and persistent smell of chlorine
- Foggy windows
- All metal objects, including doors and light fixtures, are subject to chlorine induced corrosion.
- Condensation on the glass panels / AC grills
- Many Pools /Spas uses costly wood interiors and high humidity causes the Wood Decay and Rot.
- Chlorine laden water vapor permeates the walls of your pool room, it will start to deteriorate cement blocks, mortar joints and bricks.
- When air leakage carries water vapor into walls and ceilings, it is called *Interstitial condensation*.

Case Study to calculate the Evaporation Load from Pool Surface

Project :- Defence Swimming Pool Pool Description / Type :- Recreational Pool Pool Water Surface Area :- 3470 Sq Ft Pool Water Temperature :- 80.6 Deg F or 27 Deg C Pool Room Air Conditions :- 77 Deg F or 25 Deg C and 55% Relative Humidity

Evaporation Rate (Grains/Lb)

= 650 X (1 + V/230) X (VL – VA) X Water Surface Area (Sq. Ft.) X Activity Factor

Where,

V= Velocity of Air over the water surface in FPM (17-23 FPM Assumed)

VL= Vapor Pressure equivalent to the temperature of surface water - inches of Hg.

VA= Vapor Pressure equivalent to the Dew Point Temperature of the air over pool surface - inches of Hg.

Activity Factor = There are standard activity factors depending on the type of pool provided by ASHRAE. In general, it is the water **Surface movement of the pool**.

CASE STUDY CONTINUATION

Therefore (from the vapor pressure tables & ASHRAE standards) VL= 1.05372 at pool Water Temperature of 80.6 Deg F VA= 0.51527 at Dew Point Temperature of Room Air that is 59.6 Deg F Activity Factor = 0.65 for Recreational

Now Substituting the Values in the formula VL- VA = 1.05372 – 0.51527 = 0.53845 inches of Hg

Evaporation Rate (Grains/Lb)

= 650 X (1 + V/230) X (VL – VA) X Water Surface Area (Sq. Ft.) X Activity Factor

<u>= 650 X (1 + 23/230) X (0.53845) X 3470 (Sq. Ft.) X 0.65</u>

Evaporation Rate = 885795 Grains/ Hr OR 57.5 Kg/ Hr

Note:- Always keep pool water temperature is kept 1 Deg C or 2 Deg F lower than the Room temperature to avoid chilling effect on the human body.

SYSTEM FLOW DIAGRAM

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WHY REQUIRE DESICCANT BASED DEHUMIDIFIER ?

- The pool dehumidifying equipment not only needs to remove the evaporated moisture, but also the moisture from the Fresh Air and the People. The problems in an indoor pool humidity control arises, when there is a single system to control temperature and humidity.
- Once the temperature is maintained, the cooling coil would stop the cooling as the system is driven by thermostat.
- This would stop the condensation taking place at the cooling coil (i.e. it stops the moisture removal from the swimming pool air)
- However, there is a constant evaporation from the pool surface, causing the humidity to shoot up, and leading to various problems described earlier.

Solution

• The best way to tackle / address to the humidity problem in an indoor pool is to

DIVIDE & CONQUER

- Separate the Temperature Control and the Humidity Control
- Temperature is controlled by the Cooling Coils and Thermostat
- Humidity is controlled by the Desiccant Dehumidifier and Humidistat

SUMMARY & CONCLUSION

Major benefits realized through humidity control in Indoor Swimming Pools using sorbtion technologies are:

- Reduced injuries due to avoidance of slipping and falling accidents due to wet floor.
- Reduction in annual maintenance costs.
- No fogging, condensation, rusting and rotting .
- Independent temperature and humidity control.
- Year round Comfort conditions for humans.
- No Molds & Mildew on the wall / duct surfaces
- Improved sanitation in indoor pool area through elimination of overhead grill condensation.

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Why do you need a Air & Gas Purification?

- to prevent CORROSION of process computers and delicate electronic equipment in industries such as oil refineries, pulp & paper mills, chemical plants etc., caused by acid gases (hydrogen sulphide, sulphur dioxide, nitrogen oxides), mercaptans and chlorides.
- to control ODOUR problems in municipal waste water treatment plants located near / in crowded urban areas.
- to maintain acceptable IAQ levels in enclosed air conditioned places.

The SOLUTION to corrosion and odour problems lies in GASEOUS FILTRATION, which involves passing the contaminated air stream through a bed of dry media placed in a properly designed housing.

Air & Gas Purification is necessary

Heavy Industry

- Protect electronic equipment
- Remove acid gases
- Control air pollution

Light Industry and Municipal Facilities

- Control odor
- Control air pollution
- Eliminate hydrocarbons
- Remove acid gases

Commercial and Institutional

- Enhance indoor air quality
- Improve personal comfort
- Reduce volatile organic compounds
- Control environmental Tobacco smoke
- Reduce corrosion

There are three methods of control for gas contaminants :

- Source control : Removal of source [s] of the contaminants not possible always.
- Ventilation control : Introduce clean air into the spaces to dilute the level of the contaminants within acceptable limits.
- Removal control : Control contaminants by either physical or chemical means.

THIS IS WHAT WE DO.

"To achieve an acceptable level of contaminant control, economically, a combined strategy of dilution and removal control may be required ".

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Air & Gas Purification

The **Bry Air** & Gas Purification helps to filter gaseous contaminants like SO_2 , H_2S etc. from air



Recommended Room Environmental Standards

- •Relative Humidity : <60% at <6% change per hour
- •Temperature : 17-24°C <u>+</u> 3°C change
- •Room pressure; 12.5 25 pa

•Corrosion rates:

- Copper <10 angstroms/24 hours <300 angstroms/Month
- Silver <10 angstrom/24hours <300 angstrom/Month

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Evaporative Cooling Pad / Coolers



Evaporative Cooling Process

- Psychrometrically referred as Adiabatic Saturation Process
- Adding water in vapor form to the air cools the air
- Evaporation process is used to cool the air passing through a wetted cooling media.

TECHNICAL PARAMETERS

- Wet Bulb Depression : is the difference between Dry bulb and Wet bulb temperatures
- Evaporation rate : The rate at which water is absorbed into the air passing through the cooling media , measured in gallons of water per minute.
- Cooling Efficiency : The percent of temperature drop across the cooling media compared to the wet bulb Depression .Also termed Saturation Efficiency as it refers to amount of moisture packed in the air

Methods of Cooling

- Fogging Systems/ Spray Type Systems
- Evaporative Cooling Pads

EVAPORATIVE COOLING PADS

- Evaporative Cooing Pads are called so because water gets evaporated when it comes in contact with the air. It withdraws the Sensible heat of air as the heat of evaporation. This process in turn brings down the temperature of air. The air temperature thus approaches the WBT of the incoming air.
- The functioning of Evaporative Pad is very simple. The air is allowed to pass through the pad and at the same time water is added at the top through distributor.
- Advantages of Evaporative Cooling :
- Low Pay back period
- Low Operational costs
- Low Maintenance costs

Fluted Rigid Media Evaporative Pads

- The latest type of Evaporative Cooling Pads use the cellulose media with wetting agents and rigidifying saturants ,constructed into alternating ,transverse flutes of 45 /45 degrees.
- The 45 degree flutes carry the water (introduced over the top of the media) to the front of the media where the oncoming air forces it back into the media assisting in thorough wetting of the media.
- The air flows through the transverse 45 degree flutes. Water flows down the flutes in a thin moving film over the whole surface of the media due to its wetting properties.
- This in turn provides maximum air to water contact surface area ,enhancing the rate of evaporation.

Basic Construction Types

The unique air-to-liquid contact media consisting of corrugated sheets of wettable, strong cellulose material impregnated specially with decay – resisting chemicals. The impregnation also makes the materials stiff enough to make it Self-supporting and protects the media against decomposition caused by water and air very effectively.

FLUTE HEIGHT

- Due to corrugation each sheet of the pad looks like sinusoidal wave, almost semi circular in nature double the radius of each semicircle is called Flute Height.
- Types Cooling pad is broadly classified into two types on the basis of Flute Height. Generally two types of flute height are available in the market e.g. 5MM & 7MM. These pads are further subdivided on the basis of flute angles.

Basic Construction Types ... contd.

45/45









30/30

Performance Graph



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Cooling Module



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