HIGH PERFORMANCE VENTILATION for Commercial Buildings

BEST PRACTICES FOR PASSIVE HOUSE, NZE AND OTHER GREAT COMMERCIAL, MULTI-FAMILY AND INSTITUTIONAL PROJECTS

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Chapter 1: High Performance Buildings

High Performance Buildings

- Energy efficient
- **Durable**
- **Resilient**
- Healthy
- **Comfortable**

Energy Efficient

- Highly insulated
- Superior verified air-sealing
- Thermal bridges eliminated
- Low u-value windows
- Efficient heating & AC systems
- Heat Recovery Ventilation (HRV)

Durable

- Durable longlasting materials
- High integrity water barrier
- Verified air-sealing
- **Superior** workmanship
- Quality control

Resiliant

- Designed to withstand flooding
- Drought tolerant
- Buffer temperature extremes in power outage
- Operable windows
- Daylighting

Healthy

- Exceptional indoor air quality
- Source control of pollutants
- No/low VOC materials
- Daylighting
- Humidity control
- Noise reduction
- High water quality

Comfortable

- Exceptional indoor air quality
- Temperature zones and control
- Window surface temperature
- Daylighting
- Humidity control
- Noise reduction
- Aesthetic

High Performance Rating Systems

- Passive House
- LEED
- Living Building Challenge
- Well Building Standard

Side Benefits of High Performance Buildings

- Happy occupants
- Higher productivity
- Higher rent and/or lower vacancy rate
- Increased building value
- Hedged energy costs

A Very Busy Roof

Plenty of Hot Air!

Exhaust the Kitchen (and suck up some grease)

Exhaust the Bathroom

Single Supply for Two or Three Bedrooms

Application: Multifamily Residential Traditional Design

- Bedroom occupied at 11:15 pm with door closed
- Exhaust fan turned on at 1:30 am at 88 CFM (ASHRAE 62.2 Rate for house is 62 CFM
- Exhaust fan off at 6:00 am
- Door open at 6:30 am

What is the ACH in the Bedrooms? NOT ENOUGH!

Chapter 2: Why Ventilation Matters

Why Ventilate? Air is Life

For breath is life, and if you breathe well you will live long on earth. ~Sanskrit Proverb

Why Ventilate? Air is Important

People can survive:

- 21 40+ days without food
- 4-7 days without water
- Only minutes without air!

Fresh air is critical to our health and survival

Why Ventilate? Better Indoor Environment

- Air Humidity
- CO₂ Concentration
- VOC's
- **Smells**
- Allergens
- **Temperature**

Why Ventilate? Healthier Conditions

- Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory study of California classrooms
- Increasing ventilation from 8 CFM/student to 15 CFM/student
- Reduced sickness related absenteeism by almost 4%

Why Ventilate? Lower Risk of Virus Spread

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Risk of indoor airborne infection transmission estimated from carbon dioxide concentration

Abstract The Wells-Riley equation, which is used to model the risk of indoor airborne transmission of infectious diseases such as tuberculosis, is sometimes problematic because it assumes steady-state conditions and requires measurement of outdoor air supply rates, which are frequently difficult to measure and often vary with time. We derive an alternative equation that avoids these problems by determining the fraction of inhaled air that has been exhaled previously by someone in the building (rebreathed fraction) using $CO₂$ concentration as a marker for exhaled-breath exposure. We also derive a non-steady-state version of the Wells–Riley equation which is especially useful in poorly ventilated environments when outdoor air supply rates can be assumed constant. Finally, we derive the relationship between the average number of secondary cases infected by each primary case in a building and exposure to exhaled breath and demonstrate that there is likely to be an achievable critical rebreathed fraction of indoor air below which airborne propagation of common respiratory infections and influenza will not occur.

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Key words: Carbon dioxide; Infectious disease risk modeling; Wells-Riley equation; Basic reproductive number; Communicable disease control; Respiratory tract infections; Indoor air pollution.

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Why Ventilate? Lower Risk of Virus Spread

Figure 6 Probability of infection in a room with 1 infected person and 29 susceptible persons.

Chapter 2: Why Ventilation Matters:

Evidence That Better Ventilation Provides Lower Risk For Viruses

GAZETTE: Can you say more about how to specifically make a building a better barrier against the spread of coronavirus? Specifically hospitals, nursing homes, and grocery stores that are on the front lines right now.

ALLEN: You want to try to get to 100 percent outdoor air being brought into your system with no recirculated air. If you don't have a central air system, you want to open up your windows as much as you can. You want to make sure that if you are recirculating air, that it's being filtered through upgraded filters. Typically you have a MERV 8 – MERV is a rating system for filters — and those capture less than 50 percent, it could be down to 20 percent of small particles. Filters like a MERV 13 get you closer to 80 or 90 percent, or HEPA filters capture 99.97 percent of particles, so upgraded filters can be effective.

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Why Ventilate? Better Performance

- Harvard/Syracuse study of cognitive function in office workers:
- Green days 61% better
- Green+ days 101% better
- Most effected categories were *crisis response*, *information usage*, and *strategy*

Retrofit For Improved IAQ HEALTHY AND

EFFICIENT

- **WITHOUT PROPER VENTILATION, IAQ SUFFERS**
- **UNDERVENTILATING IS UNHEALTHY**
- **DESIGN TO OPTIMIZE**

Chapter 3: Emerging Commercial Codes

Proposed Changes to the Canadian National Codes for Buildings (2017) 5.2.10.1. Heat-Energy Recovery Systems

operating."

 $NR = energy recovery system$ is not required at any design supply fan airflow rate

 $R =$ energy recovery system is required at all design supply fan airflow rates

See Sentence 1.1.4.1.(1).

See Note A-Table 3.2.2.2.

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Proposed Changes to the Canadian National Codes for Buildings (2017)

5.2.10.1. Heat-Energy Recovery Systems

Table 5.2.10.1.-B

Supply Fan Airflow Rate Threshold Values at which an Energy Recovery System is Required for the **Exhaust Air System: CONTINUOUSLY OPERATING VENTILATION SYSTEMS⁽¹**

Forming Part of Sentence 5.2.10.1.(1)

Notes to Table 5.2.10.1.-B:

Ventilation systems that operate 8 000 hours or more per year are considered "continously operating."

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See Sentence 1.1.4.1.(1).

See Note A-Table 3.2.2.2.

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Adopted Washington State Commercial Mechanical Code 1 July 2018

TABLE C403.3.5 OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATIONS REQUIRING DOAS

a. Occupancy classification from the International Building Code Chapter 3.

C403.3.5.1 Energy recovery ventilation with DOAS. The DOAS shall include energy recovery ventilation. The energy recovery system shall have a 60 percent minimum sensible recovery effectiveness or have 50 percent enthalpy recovery effectiveness in accordance with Section C403.7.6.1. For DOAS having a total fan system motor nameplate hp less than 5 hp, total combined fan power shall not exceed 1 W/cfm of outdoor air. For DOAS having a total fan system motor hp greater than or equal to 5 hp, refer to fan power limitations of Section C403.8.1. This fan power restriction applies to each dedicated outdoor air unit in the permitted project, but does not include the fan power associated with the zonal heating/cooling equipment. The airflow rate thresholds for energy recovery requirements in Tables C403.7.6.1(1) and C403.7.6.1(2) do not apply.

Exceptions:

- 1. Occupied spaces with all of the following characteristics: complying with Section C403.7.6.1, served by equipment less than 5000 cfm, with an average occupant load greater than 25 people per 1000 square feet (93 m²) of floor area (as established in Table 403.3.1.1 of the International Mechanical Code) that include demand control ventilation configured to reduce outdoor air by at least 50% below design minimum ventilation rates when the actual occupancy of the space served by the system is less than the design occupancy.
- 2. Systems installed for the sole purpose of providing makeup air for systems exhausting toxic, flammable, paint, or corrosive fumes or dust, dryer exhaust, or commercial kitchen hoods used for collecting and removing grease vapors and smoke.

Adopted Washington State Commercial Mechanical Code 1 July 2018

SECTION C406 **EFFICIENCY PACKAGES**

C406.1 Additional energy efficiency credit requirements. New buildings and changes in space conditioning. change of occupancy and building additions in accordance with Chapter 5 shall comply with sufficient packages from Table C406.1 so as to achieve a minimum number of six credits. Each area shall be permitted to apply for different packages provided all areas in the building comply with the requirement for six credits. Areas included in the same permit within mixed use buildings shall be permitted to demonstrate compliance by an area weighted average number of credits by building occupancy achieving a minimum number of six credits.

EFFICIENCY PACKAGE CREDITS

Adopted Washington State Commercial Mechanical Code 1 July 2018

Projects using this option may not use Item 2

This option is not available to buildings subject to the prescriptive requirements of Section C403.3.5.

Buildings or building areas that are exempt from thermal envelope requirements in accordance with Sections

C402.1.1 and C402.1.2 do not qualify for this package.

C406.7 High performance dedicated outdoor air system (DOAS). A whole building, building addition or tenant space which includes a DOAS complying with Section C406.6 shall also provide minimum sensible effectiveness of heat recovery of 80 percent and DOAS total combined fan power less than 0.5 W/cfm of outdoor air. For the purposes of this section, total combined fan power includes all supply, exhaust, recirculation and other fans utilized for the purpose of ventilation.

Chapter 4: Ventilation Requirements

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How Much Ventilation is Needed?

- **International** Mechanical Code (IMC)
- ASHRAE 62.1
- Passive House
- National Building Code of Canada

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How much Ventilation is needed? 2015 National Building Code of Canada

[T]he rates at which outdoor air is supplied in *buildings* by ventilation systems shall be not less than the rates required by *ANSI/ASHRAE 62, "Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality"*

- National Building Code of Canada
- References ASHRAE 62.1 for flow rates

How Much Ventilation is Needed? ASHRAE Standard 62.1 2016

Default Value

Cecupant D
(see Note 4)

 $\#/1000~\rm{ft}^2$

 25

 $30²$

 15

50

25

 25

 68

150

 20

 25

 25

35

 100

 100

100

or $\#/100 \text{ m}^2$

Occupant Density Combined Outdoo

 $cfm/$

 $\overline{9}$ 4.5 1

 17

 13 6.7

 15 7.4 1

15

 12^o 5.9

person

Air Rate (see Note 5)

 L/s

 49

 3.5

 44

8.6

 86

 $A2$

 4.0

 9.5

 8.6

 8.6

 9.5

 74

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 5.1

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- Table 6.2.2.1 Minimum Ventilation Rates in Breathing Zone
- Table 6.5 Minimum Exhaust Rates

How Much Ventilation is Needed? ASHRAE Standard 62.1 – Table 6.2.2.1

- People Outdoor Air Rate
- Area Outdoor Air Rate
- Default Occupancy
- Air Class

$V_{bz} = (R_p \times P_z) + (Ra \times Az)$

Zone Airflow = (People Rate x Number People) + (Area Rate x Area)

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How Much Ventilation is Needed? ASHRAE Standard 62.1 – Table 6.2.2.2

TABLE 6.2.2.2 Zone Air Distribution Effectiveness

- Zone Air **Distribution** Effectiveness
	- Amount of outdoor airflow depends upon distribution configuration
- Cool air supply by DOAS system minimizes amount of outside air required **Effectiveness**

Zone Airflow

How Much Ventilation is Needed? ASHRAE Standard 62.1 – Table 6.5

NOTES:

A Stands where engines are run shall have exhaust systems that directly connect to the engine exhaust and prevent escape of fumes.

B Where combustion equipment is intended to be used on the playing surface additional dilution ventilation, source control, or both shall be provided.

C Exhaust shall not be required where two or more sides comprise walls that are at least 50% open to the outside.

D Rate is per water closet, urinal, or both. Provide the higher rate where periods of heavy use are expected to occur. The lower rate shall be permitted to be used otherwise.

E Rate is for a toilet room intended to be occupied by one person at a time. For continuous system operation during hours of use, the lower rate shall be permitted to be used. Otherwise the higher rate shall be used.

F See other applicable standards for exhaust rate.

G For continuous system operation, the lower rate shall be permitted to be used. Otherwise the higher rate shall be used.

H Exhaust air that has been cleaned to meet Class 1 criteria from Section 5.16.1 shall be permitted to be recirculated.

I Rate is per showerhead.

- Exhaust Rate per Unit
- Exhaust Rate per Area
- Air Class
- Private Toilets: single toilet
- Public Toilets: multiple toilets

How Much Ventilation is Needed? Passive House Institute

- Very little prescriptive rates available
- Generally follow code/ASHRAE requirements.
	- Demand control whenever feasible to minimize airflow to meet occupancy

How Much Ventilation is Needed? Other High-Performance Standards

- All these standards reference ASHRAE 62.1
- LEED and Well Building Standard offer points for 30% higher airflow than ASHRAE 62.1

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Chapter 5: What's In The Box?

Enthalpy Wheel ERV

Ventilation in the Age of COVID-19

Preventing Covid-19 spreading in buildings

In response to the coronavirus pandemic, REHVA experts have published a guidance document on how to operate and use building services to minimise the spread of Covid-19. Alex Smith provides a summary of their findings

Posted in March 2020

Increase air supply and exhaust ventilation

The general advice is to supply as much outside air as possible. Expanded operation times are recommended for buildings with mechanical ventilation. Consider keeping the ventilation on 24/7 with lower ventilation rates when people are absent.

If employee numbers reduce, do not place remaining staff in smaller areas. Exhaust ventilation systems of toilets should always be left on 24/7, and relatively negative pressure must be maintained in the room air to help avoid faecal-oral transmission.

Ventilation in the Age of COVID-19

Safe use of heat-recovery devices

Virus particles in extract air can re-enter the building. Heat-recovery devices may carry over the virus attached to particles from the exhaust airside to the supply airside via leaks. In rotary heat exchangers (including enthalpy wheels) particles deposit on the return airside of the heat exchanger surface, after which they might be resuspended when the heat exchanger turns to the supply airside.

Based on current evidence, REHVA recommends turning off rotary heat exchangers temporarily during SARS-CoV-2 episodes. Its document goes on to state: if leaks are suspected in the heat-recovery sections, pressure adjustment or bypassing can be an option to avoid a situation where higher pressure on the extract side causes air leakages to the supply side.

Enthalpy Wheel ERV

Options for H/ERV Cores

High Efficiency Counter-Flow Heat Exchanger

Cross-Flow Heat Exchanger

Counter-Flow Heat Exchanger

Plate Exchanger with Enthalpy Recovery

Plate Exchanger with Enthalpy Recovery

Exhaust air transfer (EATR) 1.

There is much debate about the high exhaust air transfer with rotary heat exchangers at unfavorable pressure ratios. However, even with favorable pressure ratios (low-pressure in exhaust air) adhesion of substances on the surface of the rotating heat storages is possible. Wanted are water molecules for humidity recovery, unwanted are other substances, such as odors. Whether viruses can be transferred is under investigation by producers of such systems.

With aluminum and enthalpy exchangers from Polybloc, transfer of exhaust air is only possible by leakage. Eurovent certified products have a maximum leakage of 0.5% at nominal conditions. In case of lower pressure in the exhaust air, 0% exhaust air transfer is guaranteed. In practice, this is ensured by positioning both fans to draw air through the energy exchangers.

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Plate Exchanger with Enthalpy Recovery

2. Diffusion through the membrane

Enthalpy exchangers are produced of widely varying materials. In Asia and North America, cellulose paper is often used. These enthalpy exchangers are usually very cheap, but as they are very sensitive to water, it is very hard to get a hygiene certification for these models. It is also challenging to get hygiene certifications for porous plastic foils.

The multilayer membrane developed by Polybloc and its partners allows water molecules to transfer without using porous foils.

Tight, well-built buildings in cold and mixed climates need dry outside air in the wintertime to mitigate the interior latent loads. Otherwise moisture related problems could occur.

THE EFFECT OF ENTHALPY RECOVERY **VENTILATION ON THE RESIDENTIAL INDOOR CLIMATE**

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Figure 3: The effect of a heat exchanger (a) and an enthalpy exchanger (b) on the supply air and the indoor air.

Sheathing relative humidity - North

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Continuous Exhaust Ventilation With Balanced HRV System

Exhaust Only Utilizing HRV

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Metrics Of Performance

heat recovery rate

power consumption

noise

Performance Metrics Are Inter-Related

Conventional Measurement Of Efficiency Has A Lot Of Issues

Unit With Thermal Bridging – Casing Leakage

PHI vs North American Protocols For Measurement Of Efficiency

Significant Discrepancies Between Measured Efficiencies

Better Units Have Smaller Discrepancy, But Still Need To Be Measured

ERV \neq **HRV BETTER METRIC, BUT LOWER EFFICIENCY NUMBER**

- **NET RECOVERY EFFICIENCY**
- **POWER EFFICIENCY**
- **CROSS-FLOW TRANSFER/ CONTAMINATIOIN**
- **SOUND LEVEL**

Efficiency, Efficiency, Efficiency!

NET EFFICIENCY MATTERS!

- **BUILDING LOAD REDUCTION**
- **HIGH COMFORT LEVEL**
- **NO NEED TO REHEAT**
- **SIMPLER CONTROLS**
- **HIGH RETURN (COP)**

Heat Exchanger Core Efficiency – VS1000 RT

Efficiency Means Comfort

Efficiency Means Comfort

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With a higher efficiency, the yearly cost of operation is nearly half!

Assuming 500 cfm & .25 inches water column OA 40F / IA 70F; \$.16/kw **Chapter 5: What's In The Box?**

TRUTH IN ADVERTISING?

- WINTER
- 1. $OA = 23F$
- $2. RA = 70F$
- 3. $FA = 54.6 F$

 $AHRI = 70-23$ (47) 54.6-23 (31.6)

 $= 31.6/47 - 67\%$

CLAIM SENSIBLE 84.9%

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Project Conditions

TRUTH IN ADVERTISING?

- WINTER
- 1. OA = 23F
- 2. RA = 70F
- 3. FA = 59.9 F

$AHRI = 70-23$ (47) 59.9-23 (36.9)

= 36.3/47 - **79%**

Project Information Quick Selector

Supply Flow 1400 CFM Exhaust Flow | 1400 CFM

3URMHEM (SPORT) Total OA Load (Uncond. / HRV / ERV FRAME BEDUCK) **ERV** REDUCK

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 -61.42 -59.5 $\,$ kbtu/l

TRUTH IN ADVERTISING?

- WINTER
- $1.$ OA = 23F
- 2. RA = 70F
- 3. $FA = 62.3 F$

 $AHRI = 70-23$ (47) 62.3-23 (39.3)

= 39.3/47 - **84%**

British Columbia Daycare Project

Chapter 5: What's In The Box?

Efficiency Leads to Additional Savings

Significant reduction possible for costs of installation of gas lines, duct heaters and controls.

EFFICIENCY = SAVINGS

MICHIGAN MIXED USE BUILDING 26,409 SQ FT

- **UTILIZING HIGH PERFORMANCE HRV RESULTS IN SIGNIFICANT LOAD REDUCTION**
- **173,032 BTUH HEATING LOAD REDUCTION**
- **EQUAL TO 18 NOMINAL HEAT PUMP TONS**
- **AT \$1,800/TON EQUIPMENT COST RESULTS IN**

SAVINGS OF \$32,400

PHI Certification Matters

- **Radical energy efficiency Exemplary comfort Exceptional indoor air quality A performance that lasts**
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- **4 Storey Apartment Building in Ottawa**
- **Offers 42 Apartments (40m2 each) for men and women with mental illness**
- **Interior and Exterior Amenity areas**
- **1 community worker office**

PHI Certification Matters

Lesson #4: We need to use PH-Certified Components!

Non-CSA Approved Certified PH ventilation system was not allowed by local Code – this drove up heating demand in the building, increased costs significantly and cost us delays. This has to change!

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Site Energy: Monitored vs Modeled

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Chapter 6: Traditional Ventilation Methods

Traditional Ventilation Methods: Outside Air Inlet to Roof Top Unit

- RTU primarily for H&AC
- System designed around H&AC loads
- Need full fan operation for OA distribution
- Often pressurizes the building and leads to exfiltration
	- OA dampers often closed to save energy

Traditional Ventilation Methods: Exhaust Fans

- Usually RTUs coupled with dedicated exhaust fans for bathrooms, etc
	- Meets exhaust requirements but energy wasted
	- Usually not balanced to OA airflows
- If OA damper closed to save energy, promotes infiltration

Traditional Ventilation Methods: Relief Fan for Balance

- Addition of relief air damper and fan can help properly balance the system
	- Reduces amount of infiltration and exfiltration potential
	- Energy still wasted in exhausting air

Traditional Ventilation Methods: Include an ERV Wheel

- ERV heat recovery wheel sometimes added to recover heat from relief air to OA
	- Reduces amount of heat wasted.
	- Still waste all heat from the dedicated exhaust fans
- Can have significant cross-flow leakage
- Other challenges of coupled systems remain

Traditional Ventilation Methods Multiple Zones

Traditional Ventilation Methods Multiple Zones (Alphabet Soup)

Single Zone Systems

 $V_{\text{bz}} = (R_{\text{p}} \times P_{\text{z}}) + (Ra \times Az)$ $V_{0z} = V_{bz}/E_z$

 $V_{\text{ot}} = V_{\text{oz}}$

OA Intake Flow = Zone Airflow

 $Zpz = Voz / Vpz$ Multi-zone Systems $V_{\text{bz}} = (R_{\text{p}} \times P_{\text{z}}) + (Ra \times Az)$ $V_{oz} = V_{bz}/E_z$ Use Max Z_{pz} to find E_v $D = Ps / Zall zones Pz$ V ou = $D\Sigma$ all zones (Rp x Pz) + Σall zones (Ra x Az) $V_{\text{ot}} = V_{\text{out}} / F_{\text{v}}$

TABLE 6.2.5.2 System Ventilation Efficiency

- Single zone systems are simple
- Multi-zone systems are complicated and lead to compromise of ventilation

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- Step 1: Consult the Tables
- Office 5 CFM/Person 0.06 CFM/SF
- Conference 5 CFM/Person 0.06 CFM/SF
- Default densities are different

Office & Conference: 5 CFM/Person 0.06 CFM/SF

 $V_{\text{bz}} = (R_{\text{p}} \times P_{\text{z}}) + (Ra \times Az)$ Breathing Zone Outdoor Airflow (Vbz)

Office 1: Vbz1 = (5 CFM/P x 20P) + (0.06 CFM/SF x 2000SF) $V_{bz1} = 100$ CFM + 120 CFM $V_{bz1} = 220 CFM$

Office 2: Vbz2 = (5 CFM/P x 20P) + (0.06 CFM/SF x 2000SF) Vbz2 = 100 CFM + 120 CFM $V_{bz2} = 220 CFM$

Conference Room: Vbz3 = (5 CFM/P x 12P) + (0.06 CFM/SF x 300SF) $V_{bz3} = 60 \text{ CFM} + 18 \text{ CFM}$ $V_{bz3} = 78$ CFM

Step 2 Calculate the Breathing Zone Outdoor Airflows for each zone

• Do people and area calcs as intermediate step, will need later.

Zone Outdoor Airflow (Voz)

 $V_{0z} = V_{bz}/F_z$

In this case ceiling supply of Warm air and ceiling return $F_7 = 0.8$

Office 1: $V_{oz1} = 220 CFM / 0.8$ $V_{oz1} = 275 CFM$

By similar process:

Office 2: $V_{oz2} = 275 CFM$

Conference: $V_{oz3} = 98$ CFM **TABLE 6.2.2.2 Zone Air Distribution Effectiveness Air Distribution Configuration** E_z Ceiling supply of cool air 1.0 Ceiling supply of warm air and floor return 1.0 Ceiling supply of warm air $15^{\circ}F(8^{\circ}C)$ or more above 0.8 space temperature and ceiling return Ceiling supply of warm air less than $15^{\circ}F(8^{\circ}C)$ above 1.0 space temperature and ceiling return provided that the 150 fpm (0.8 m/s) supply air jet reaches to within 4.5 ft (1.4 m) of floor level (See Note 6) Floor supply of cool air and ceiling return, provided that 1.0 the vertical throw is greater than 50 fpm (0.25 m/s) at a height of 4.5 ft (1.4 m) or more above the floor Floor supply of cool air and ceiling return, provided 1.2 low-velocity displacement ventilation achieves unidirectional flow and thermal stratification, or underfloor air distribution systems where the vertical throw is less than or equal to 50 fpm (0.25 m/s) at a height of 4.5 ft (1.4 m) above the floor Floor supply of warm air and floor return 1.0 Floor supply of warm air and ceiling return 0.7 Makeup supply drawn in on the opposite side of the 0.8 room from the exhaust, return, or both. Makeup supply drawn in near to the exhaust, return, or 0.5 both locations. **NOTES:** 1. "Cool air" is air cooler than space temperature. 2. "Warm air" is air warmer than space temperature.

- 3. "Ceiling supply" includes any point above the breathing zone.
- 4. "Floor supply" includes any point below the breathing zone.
- 5. As an alternative to using the above values, E_z may be regarded as equal to air-change effectiveness determined in accordance with ASHRAE Standard 129¹⁶ for air distribution configurations except unidirectional flow.
- 6. For lower velocity supply air, $E_z = 0.8$

• Step 3 Calculate the Zone Outdoor Airflows for each zone using Air **Distribution** Effectiveness

• F_z can be different for each zone

Primary Outdoor Airflow Fraction (Zpz)

 Z pz = V oz $/V$ pz

Vpz is primary airflow from RTU for heating and cooling.

Office 1: Zpz1 = 275 CFM / 2000 CFM $Z_{pZ1} = 0.14$

By similar process:

 $Z_{pz3} = 0.25$ $Max Z_{pz}$ Office $1 V_{pz} = 2000 \text{ CFM}$ Office $2 V_{pz} = 1400$ CFM Conference Vpz = 400 CFM

Step 3 Calculate the Primary Outdoor Airflow Fraction for each zone using Vpz primary airflow

• Max Zpz used to determine System Ventilation **Efficiency**

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Vpz - Zone Primary Airflow (heating & AC) Zpz - Primary Zone Air Fraction

System Ventilation Efficiency $E_v = 0.9$

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Occupant Diversity (D)

 $D = Ps / \Sigma$ all zones Pz

Ps is the total amount of people in the area at one time Pz is the total possible in a given zone.

In this case assume only people in conference room Would otherwise be in one of the offices,

Ps = 40 people

 $D = 40 P / (20 + 20 + 12) P$

- Step 4 Calculate occupant diversity of the zones covered.
- Total people at one time versus the total possible people per zone.

Uncorrected Outdoor Air Intake (Vou)

Vou = DΣall zones (Rp x Pz) + Σall zones (Ra x Az)

Apply the occupant diversity factor to the people rate part of the Breathing Zone Outdoor Airflow equation

 $V_{\text{ou}} = 0.77(100 + 100 + 60) + (120 + 120 + 18)$

 $V_{\text{ou}} = 458$ CFM

- Step 5 Calculate Uncorrected Outdoor Air Intake
- Sum of all the zone ventilation taking occupant diversity into account

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Design Outdoor Air Intake (Vot)

 $V_{\text{ot}} = V_{\text{out}} / F_{\text{v}}$

From Step 3, $Ev = 0.9$

 $V_{\text{ot}} = 458 \text{ CFM} / 0.9$

 $Vot = 508$ CFM

ΣVbz = 518 CFM

 Σ V_{oz} = 648 CFM

Pretty close to breathing zone value and accounts for diversity so everything is good right?

- Step 6: adjust the uncorrected outdoor air intake for the system ventilation efficiency
- This is the design outdoor air intake

 $V_p = \sum V_{pz}$

Vp = 2000 CFM + 1400 CFM + 400 CFM

 $V_p = 3800$ CFM

 $V_{ot} = 508$ CFM

Zp = 508 CFM / 3800 CFM

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|Z_p = 0.134| 13.4\%
$$

- One rooftop unit supplies all zones with a fixed percentage of outside air.
- How does this percentage meet the needs of each zone while in use?

What does this mean to the individual zones?

 $Z_p = 0.134$ 13.4%

How good is the air in that conference room going to be After a long meeting?

Poor IAQ shown to diminish decision making skills. This space would not serve the organization well

Potential Large discrepancies between design flows and provided flows in individual zones

• Worst for dense occupancies with low loads

Chapter 7: DOAS (Dedicated Outdoor Air Systems)

Chapter 7: DOAS

Dedicated Outdoor Air Systems (DOAS) The High Performance Solution

- DOAS ventilation is decoupled from the heating and cooling.
- Supply air is ducted independently to the conditioned zone(s).
- Exhaust air is ducted back to the DOAS H/ERV to recovery energy before exhausting.

Dedicated Outdoor Air Systems (DOAS) Post Conditioning Possibilities

- Post heat exchanger conditioning coils possible for additional tempering to further heat, cool and/or dehumidify OA airstream.
- Sometimes internal to DOAS unit or installed downstream separately.

Dedicated Outdoor Air Systems (DOAS) Multiple Zones

- DOAS works better than traditional approach for multiple zone systems
- Supply air to zones, exhaust from bathrooms and other exhaust points.
- Balance flows to higher of the two design flows

Dedicated Outdoor Air Systems (DOAS) Multiple Zones – Example Case

Dedicated Outdoor Air Systems (DOAS) Multiple Zones – Example Case

Zone Outdoor Airflow (Voz)

 $V_{0z} = V_{bz}/E_z$

In this case ceiling supply of Warm air and ceiling return $F_7 = 1.0$

Office 1: $V_{oz1} = 220 CFM / 1.0$ $V_{oz1} = 220 CFM$

By similar process:

Office 2: $V_{oz2} = 220$ CFN

Conference: $V_{oz3} = 78$ CFM

distribution configurations except unidirectional flow. 6. For lower velocity supply air, $E_z = 0.8$

- Without post heating air will be slightly cooler than ambient.
- Without post cooling air will be slightly warmer than ambient
- With proper diffuser selection can obtain distribution effectiveness of 1.

Dedicated Outdoor Air Systems (DOAS) Multiple Zones – Example Case

• For 100% OA systems the outdoor air intake flow is the sum of the zone outdoor airflows

- Each zone actually can be balanced to receive the design airflow.
- Controls can reduce flows to account for diversity if desired

 $Vot = \Sigma$ all zones Voz V_{ot} = 220 CFM + 220 CFM + 78 CFM

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V_{ot} = 518 \text{ CFM}
$$

Dedicated Outdoor Air Systems (DOAS) Multiple Zones – Connecting to Air Handlers

- For simple zones it is possible to connect supply to zone air handlers.
- Include back-draft damper so air flows out the supply network.
- Preferably keep exhaust independent.

DOAS Control Strategies

Main Approaches:

- CAV Constant Air Volume
- DCV Demand Control Ventilation
- VAV Variable Air Volume
- **Economizer**

• Multiple strategies for controlling a DOAS from simple to sophisticated depending upon goals and budget.

• Some brands have flexible and elegant internal controls while others require a BMS system to do anything beyond basic control

DOAS Control Strategies: CAV – Constant Air Volume

- During occupied hours DOAS runs at a constant single rate to meet the design airflows
- During unoccupied hours DOAS is in stand-by mode
- Schedule can be overridden for special events

DOAS Control Strategies: DCV – Demand Control Ventilation

- Demand control ventilation allows system to ramp down during periods of lower occupancy
- Both supply and exhaust side fluctuate in parallel
- Lowest setting based on area rate or exhaust requirement.

DOAS Control Strategies: VAV – Variable Air Volume

• DOAS run in constant pressure mode

DOAS Control Strategies: Economizer

• A DOAS with an Economizer feature can bypass the heat exchanger and ramp up flow to take advantage of "free cooling" conditions.

• Smart systems can modulate bypass to control supply temperature.

Chapter 8:Duct Design Optimization

Ductwork Design: Duct sizing

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- Overall duct sizing done by friction loss for that airflow.
- Good rule of thumb less than 0.08 in W. C. of friction losses per 100 ft of ductwork
- Ductulators (paper or electronic) will have round and equivalent rectangular.
- Round most efficient.

Ductwork Design: Duct sizing

- Round ductwork is most efficient for airflow.
- Rectangular duct can sometimes fit in shallower height.
- Avoid aspect ratios of greater than 5:1 for most efficient flow.

Ductwork Design: Fittings

Example: 12"x12" duct with 800 CFM

Radius Elbow $r = 1.5W$ $C_0 = 0.17$ $\Delta P = 0.01$ in WG Approx equal to 13' of ductwork Selection of fittings can make a big difference in system pressure drop.

• ASHRAE Ductwork Database and related App are good tools for selection and comparison

Mitered Elbow $C_0 = 1.18$ $\Delta P = 0.05$ in WG Approx equal to 63' of ductwork

Mitered Elbow with vanes (1-1/2") $C_0 = 0.11$ $\Delta P = 0.00$ in WG Approx equal to <6' of ductwork Note: wider spacing and/ double Thickness vanes increase ΔP

Ductwork Design: Fittings

Example: 12" Φ duct with 600 CFM and 200 CFM take-off 12" x 10" x 8" Fitting

90° Straight Tee Branch $\Delta P = 0.04$ in WG Approx equal to 50' of ductwork

90° Straight Tee w/ 45° Entry Branch $ΔP = 0.02$ in WG Approx equal to 25' of ductwork

45° Conical Wye Branch ΔP = 0.01 in WG Approx equal to 13' of ductwork

- Selection of fittings can make a big difference in system pressure drop.
	- ASHRAE Ductwork Database and related App are good tools for selection and comparison

Ductwork Design: Air Sealing

- Proper air sealing of ductwork is critical for efficient delivery of air to designed locations.
- Leakage causes fans to run harder to meet design airflows.
- Duct blaster testing important for confirmation.
- A duct is just a pipe for air. Plumbers can make their pipes 100% airtight!

Ductwork Design: Fire and Smoke Dampers

- Stops fire and smoke from moving through the ductwork.
- Required when ducts penetrate a fire rated assembly (with some exceptions).
- Coordinate with architects about what assemblies are fire and/or smoke rated.
- Access panel required for maintenance.

Ductwork Design: Acoustics and Vibration

- It is good design to connect ductwork to equipment with a flexible connector to isolate vibration from ductwork. Vibration isolating mounts may also be needed.
- Sound attenuation may be useful for critical environments (schools, auditoriums, sound studios)
- Quiet equipment important for high performance buildings

Ductwork Design: Challenges

- Connect through roof with shortest duct/curb possible.
- Avoid bends.
- Reduce or eliminate insulated ducts.
- Minimize leaks.

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Chapter 9: VHE DOAS Program

- **Very Low Energy Savings (5% Typical)**
- **Same High Cost Maintenance**
- **15 Year Life Span**
- **Same H/C Loads, Resulting in 1:1 Replacement**
- **Same Noise Level**
- **Same poor IAQ**
- **Significant Energy Savings (Proven 40-60+ %)**
- **50% + Reduction In Maintenance Costs**
- **25-30 Year Life Span**
- **Significant Reduction in H/C Loads, Reduced Equipment Sizing**
- **Improved Comfort & Quiet**
- **Great IAQ & Health**

Chapter 9: RTU Replacement Program

Retrofitting Existing Commercial Buildings to Achieve Significant Energy Savings & Better IAQ

AGING INSTALLATIONS

- **Many aging gas packs**
- **Possible curb reuse**

PROGRAM SPECIFICATION

https://betterbricks.com/resources/very-high-efficiency-doas-system-requirements

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Very High Efficiency DOAS System Requirements

EEI ARTICLE

System Requirements and Recommendations Summary

These system requirements and recommendations are intended to provide guidance to manufacturers, designers and specifiers regarding the components of very high efficiency dedicated outside air systems (or very high efficiency DOAS). Developed over several years of research, market analysis, and demonstration project installations, these system requirements have been refined to decrease energy consumption, improve indoor-air quality, and improve occupant comfort over conventional systems.

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PROGRAM SPECIFICATION

Table 1: Minimum Equipment Performance [learn more]

Heat Recovery Ventilation [learn more]

- $\mathbf{1}$. Minimum efficiency: Passive House Institute¹ (PHI) certified, or minimum 82% Sensible Effectiveness² of heat exchanger (HX) at Air-Conditioning, Heating & Refrigeration Institute (AHRI) Standard 1060 winter conditions at 75% of rated flow³ verified by independent third-party testing⁴. $\overline{2}$. Minimum fan efficacy: PHI-certified, or minimum 1.4 cubic feet per minimum per Watt (cfm/Watt) at 0.5"
- water gauge (w.g.) external static pressure (ESP) at 75% of rated full airflow⁵.

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CASE STUDY LEGAL FIRM OBJECTS TO OLDER BUILDING'S INEFFICIENCIES AND DISCOMFORT

OLD BUILDING COMES WITH AGE-OLD INDOOR COMFORT PROBLEMS

Local law firm Immix Law Group purchased the upper floor of a 1909, two-story historic building in the once-industrial area of Northwest Portland. Vacant for nearly three years, the 11,615-square-foot space presented many comfort challenges. Air leaked between floors, the fresh air dampers were all closed shut, and the oversized existing HVAC system was aging and inefficient.

Before they moved in, the law firm was committed to providing year-round indoor comfort for their team and their clients. To get there, they chose an HVAC configuration that would provide consistent temperatures and high indoor air quality across their approximately 30 office spaces, five conference rooms, lunch room, exercise room, two sets of restrooms, and open common and utility spaces.

Immix roaftep showing new equipment

PROJECT OVERVIEW

図 **PROJECT FLOOR AREA** $11,615$ and

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(\$1) **TOTAL PROJECT COST REDUCTION IN HVAC**
ENERGY USE \$15.61person 72%

YEAR BUILT

1909

ENERGY UTILITY/PROGRAM

Energy Trust of Oregon

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CASE STUDY HIGH-PERFORMANCE HVAC GETS TO WORK FOR UTILITY OFFICE

UTILITY OFFICE UPGRADES FROM PIECEMEAL HVAC TO STATE-OF-THE ART SYSTEM

Flathead Electric's district office is a singlestory 1960s-vintage building with offices at the front and a combination of storage space and garage bays for utility trucks in the back. Their former HVAC system had been pieced together from several years of changes and modifications and it was no longer providing indoor comfort or an adequate level of heating efficiency. Flathead Electric took advantage of an innovative approach to HVAC they knew all to well-a very high efficiency dedicated outside air system (also referred to as very high efficiency DOAS).

"We knew it was time to upgrade our HVAC," said Don Newton, Energy Services Supervisor at Flathead Electric. "This was the ideal time to take the very high efficiency DOAS approach to increase our comfort and greatly reduce our energy use. It was a very easy decision to make."

PROJECT OVERVIEW

⊠ **PROJECT FLOOR AREA** $5,735$ _{sq.n.}

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ENERGY UTILITY/PROGRAM **Flathead Electric** in partnership with the **Bonneville Power**
Administration

YEAR BUILT

1960s

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 $(\%)$ TOTAL PROJECT COST \$21.90 per sq. n.

REDUCTION IN HVAC
ENERGY USE 45%

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1. COSTS PER SQUARE FOOT CAN VARY

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CASE STUDY TRAPPER CREEK DORM SNARES ENERGY SAVINGS FOR GOOD

HIGH-PERFORMANCE HVAC ALLEVIATES OVERHEATING AND VENTILATION ISSUES

The Trapper Creek Dormitory is a federal government work campus in rural Montana. When restricted airflow caused summertime overheating, ventilation issues, and unsafe CO., levels in their dormitories, the facility managers decided to partner with Ravalli Electric Co-op and Bonneville Power Administration to implement a high-performance HVAC conversion.

Fortunately, Ravalli Electric Co-op and Bonneville Power Administration had an innovative and cost-effective solution that would not only solve Trapper Creek's airflow issues, but also significantly reduce their energy costs. To make the project even more cost-effective, Ravalli Electric Co-op provided \$80,591 in incentives that dramatically cut the project's upfront costs.

"First and foremost, we were focused on alleviating the unsafe CO2 levels," said Dan Gager, Project Manager at Trapper Creek Dorms. "It was particularly a problem in the winter when windows had to be closed. We were very happy to learn that this new system could take care of our ventilation issues and provide fresh air to the sleeping areas throughout the winter."

In partnership with:

PROJECT OVERVIEW

rlih **BUILDING TYPE DORMITORY**

 $-11,000$ tq. N. per dorm

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Ravalli Electric Co-op in partnership with the Bonneville Power **Administration**

ENERGY UTILITY/PROGRAM

TOTAL PROJECT COST \$9.64 person

⊛ **REDUCTION IN HVAC**
ENERGY USE 52%

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CASE STUDY INNOVATIVE HVAC APPROACH HELPS AIRPORT'S ENERGY SAVINGS TAKE OFF

HISTORIC AIRPORT TERMINAL **GETS STATE-OF-THE-ART HVAC UPGRADES**

Although a two-story, 1930s airport terminal building in Seattle underwent a major renovation in 2002, the HVAC was largely untouched. The duo of large, multizone rooftop units (RTUs) were left in place, with a third unit of the same type added during the renovations. This inefficient HVAC system wasted energy and money, led to inconsistent temperatures, and caused severe occupant discomfort. Additionally, the system didn't address the building's unique air quality challenges. Nestled between airport runways and very densely trafficked rail lines, jet fumes would infiltrate the airport terminal building and linger for hours.

"The system wasn't doing its job," said David Broustis, Energy Manager at King County Dep. of Natural Resources and Parks. "And when it did decide to work, the cost associated with it was astronomical." After years of increased maintenance and poor performance, the building management team faced a decision to continue to repair their current system or replace it. That's when they learned of an innovative approach to upgrading their HVAC system. This new approach could significantly reduce energy use, ensure 100-percent fresh air at all times, and provide year-round comfort in the variable Seattle climate.

PROJECT OVERVIEW rlith YEAR BUILT **BUILDING TYPE AIRPORT TERMINAL** 1930 **BUILDING** ⊠ ⇧ ENERGY UTILITY/PROGRAM **PROJECT FLOOR AREA** 25,200 sq.ft. **Seattle City Light** ଛ ⊛ **TOTAL PROJECT COST** REDUCTION IN HVAC $$36.85$ par sq. ft. 85% ப \approx **UTILITY HVAC INCENTIVE TOTAL SAVINGS** \$53,052 196,488 Whysear

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KING COUNTY BOEING FIELD AIRPORT

Removing large rooftop air handlers

AFTER

Using original ductwork, but 1/5 the size

82% EUI Reduction!

EUI BEFORE: 168 EUI AFTER*: 30.11

26,500 Ft2

19 main $+21$ upper zones

HVAC BEFORE:

• 3 "Enormous" Rooftop Air Handlers: Gas Heat, Electric Cool & Constant Fan

HVAC AFTER:

- 3 VS1000 RTs
- 4 Mitsubishi PURY VRF Heat Pumps $(=34T)$

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SOLUTIONS

The following energy conservation measures were implemented as part of the simport terminal's deep energy retrofit

- * Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF) heat pumps and a Dedicated Outdoor Air System (DOAS) have replaced existing multi-zone air handler roof top units (RTUs)
- * New, high-efficiency heat recovery ventilator installed with up to 90 percent heat recovery
- . Interior 32-watt fluorescent tubes have been replaced with 15-watt light emitting diode (LED) lamps. The facility is partially fitted with edvenced lighting pontrols to fully optimize energy savings, including daylight and occupancy sensors
- . Quidoor sirport ramp and parking lot lighting have been upgraped to LED technology with night setbacks to 30 persent of full lighting lovels. Mare

OTHER BENEFITS

These upgrades will improve traveler comfort and reduce staff time apent on building maintenance. It is expected that the building will earn ENERGY STAR® certification. Additionally, staff education has improved energy reductions. Prior to the retrofit, workers often used personal electrical deviors in their workspaces, such as fans, task lights, space heaters, and hot plates. Following this deep energy retrofit, staff have discontinued the use of these

VERIFIED RESULTS

• **ACTUAL ENERGY BILLS**

• **MODELED < MEASURED**

• **EVEN WITH IMPERFECT APPLICATION**

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AIRSTAGE CASE STUDY

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FUJITSU PROVIDES SOLUTION FOR CON EDISON **NATURAL GAS MORATORIUM**

LARGEST PROJECT TO DATE

- **71,000 sq ft Office**
- **Four Floors**
- **Retrofit Done While Occupied**
- **50% Complete on April 1, 2019**
- **Owners Very Happy**
- **1. Quiet**
- **2. Improved IAQ**
- **3. Energy Cost Reduction \$10k in April 2019**

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ELECTRIFICATION DONE RIGHT!

IMPROVED COMFORT

IMPROVED HEALTH

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Monthly energy end breakdown for the Co
Minimum Model (TMY

Figure 2.3 Monthly energy end-use
breakdown for the DOAS
ERV + VRF Model (TMY).

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LARGEST PROJECT TO DATE

- **71,000 sq ft Office**
- **Four Floors**
- **Retrofit Done While Occupied**
- **50% Complete on April 1, 2019**

Savings 4 Months

- **1. \$ 49,854**
- **2. 126,200 kWh**
- **3. 622.32 kW Demand Reduction**
- **4. 38,800 Therms Gas Reduction (modeled)**

1. SIGNIFICANT SAVINGS EXCEED THE MODEL

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Chapter 10: Applications

Mounting for most commercial installs

Application: Multifamily Residential Traditional Design

Exhaust Air Locations

- Bathrooms
- Kitchen

Supply Air Locations

Corridors

In theory, pressurized corridor forces make-up air into apartments around entry door

Application: Multifamily Residential Traditional Design

Exhaust Air Locations

- Bathrooms
- Kitchen

Supply Air Locations

Corridors

What is the ACH in the Bedrooms?

Application: Multifamily Residential Optimized Design

Exhaust Air Locations

- Bathrooms
- Kitchen
- Laundry
- Moisture/Odor Laden Areas Supply Air Locations
- Bedrooms
- Offices
- Living/Family Rooms*
- Remote Rooms

* Depending upon layout

Application: Multifamily Residential System Options: Example Apartment

Given Conditions:

- 800 SF TFA (~80 SM)
- 2 Bedrooms
- Living Room
- 1 Bathroom
- 7'x8' Kitchen (56 SF)

Individual Apartment Units

Pros

- **Better Compartmentalization**
- Minimize Stack Effect
- Individual Control
- Easy Boost Capacity
- Good for Condominiums
- Minimize Duct Runs
- Minimize energy usage
- Energy paid by occupant

Cons

- **Multiple Wall Penetrations**
- Dispersed Maintenance
- May be more expensive

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Central Ventilation Units

Pros

- Central Maintenance
- May be less expensive
- Minimize Penetrations

Cons

- Central Ductwork & Fire Dampers
- Fighting Stack Effect
- Loss of Floor Space for Shafts
- More Complex to Boost
- Harder to Balance
- Higher energy usage
- Energy paid by building owner

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Semi-central Ventilation Units Vertical Configuration

Pros

- Consolidated Maintenance
- May be less expensive
- Minimize Penetrations
- Reduce Ductwork
- Reduce Energy Usage

Cons

- Central Ductwork & Fire Dampers
- Fighting Stack Effect
- Loss of Floor Space for Shafts
- More Complex to Boost
- Harder to Balance
- Energy paid by building owner

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Semi-central Ventilation Units Horizontal Configuration

Pros

- Consolidated Maintenance
- Minimize Stack Effect
- Eliminate Shafts
- May be less expensive
- Minimize Penetrations
- Reduce Energy Usage
- Possibly Eliminate Fire Dampers

Cons

- Central Ductwork
- More Complex to Boost
- Harder to Balance
- Energy paid by building owner

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Horizontal Units In Hallway

Application: Multifamily Residential System Options: Example Apartment

Individual unit per apartment = Controllability

Simple Central System = One Speed

Advanced Central System = Normal and Boost Operation

More Air = More Energy

- Higher thermal load to heat it
- Higher electrical usage to deliver it
- Need to also consider occupancy demographic for best control strategy

Other Possible Occupancies

- Corridors
- Trash Rooms
- Janitor's Closets
- Gathering Rooms
- Bathrooms
- Storage Areas
- Laundry
- Gym
- Rental Office
- Follow ASHRAE 62.1 for these spaces

Corridors:

• 0.06 CFM / SF

Trash Rooms:

• 1.00 CFM / SF Exhaust

Janitor's Closets:

• 1.00 CFM / SF Exhaust

- A good strategy to supply into the corridors and exhaust from the trash rooms & janitors closets.
- Dedicated HRV for this purpose at continuous rate.

Gathering Rooms:

• 5 CFM/Person + 0.06 CFM/SF

Public Bathrooms:

- 25 CFM/unit Exhaust single occupant
- 50 CFM/unit Exhaust multi occupant

- A good strategy to supply into gathering room and exhaust from the adjoining bathrooms.
- Dedicated HRV(s) for this purpose
- Good occupancy for $CO₂$ control low rate to meet bathroom requirements and ramp up with increased occupancy.

Laundry Rooms:

• 7.5 CFM/Person + 0.06 CFM/SF

- Likely can be tied into an HRV system with other spaces.
- Per IMC, dryer exhaust over 200 CFM must have make-up air!
- Possible strategy to build dryer bank into a make-up air plenum behind the machines.
- Interconnect make-up air dampers to open with dryer operation

Gyms:

• 20 CFM/Person + 0.06 CFM/SF

Storage Rooms:

0.12 CFM/SF

Office Spaces:

• 5 CFM/Person + 0.06 CFM/SF

- Can likely be tied into HRV with other spaces
- Gym may utilize dedicated HRV with $CO₂$ control since high rates and intermittent usage likely.

Application: Office Building

Office Spaces:

- 5 CFM/Person + 0.06 CFM/SF **Conference Rooms:**
- 5 CFM/Person + 0.06 CFM/SF **Corridors:**
- 0.06 CFM / SF

Storage Rooms:

0.12 CFM/SF

Public Bathrooms:

- 25 CFM/unit Exhaust single occ.
- 50 CFM/unit Exhaust multi occ. **Break Rooms:**
- 5 CFM/Person + 0.12 CFM/SF **Kitchenette:**
- 0.3 CFM / SF Exhaust

Janitor's Closets:

• 1.00 CFM / SF Exhaust

Application: Office Building

Supply to:

- Open office space
- Individual offices
- Conference/meeting rooms
- Corridors
- Storage rooms (possibly)

Exhaust from:

- Bathrooms
- Utility/Janitor's closets
- Kitchenette/break room

Strategies:

- CO2 Demand control for conference rooms
- Oversize ductwork for ecomomizer mode

Application: Retail Building

TABLE 6.2.2.1 Minimum Ventilation Rates in Breathing Zone (Continued) (Table 6.2.2.1 shall be used in conjunction with the accompanying notes.)

Typical Sales Retail Occupancy:

- \cdot 7.5 CFM/Person + 0.12 CFM/SF
- Other specialty categories see ASHRAE 62.2

Strategies:

- Widely varying occupancy CO2 Demand control
- Supply sales floor
- Exhaust bathrooms and storage rooms
- Potentially exhaust locally if any product is odorous / off-gasses

Application: Schools

TABLE 6.2.2.1 Minimum Ventilation Rates in Breathing Zone

(Table 6.2.2.1 shall be used in conjunction with the accompanying notes.)

14 different classroom types depending on age and utilization

Ancillary spaces can include:

- Cafeterias
- Auditoriums
- Gymnasiums
- Office Space
- Libraries

Ancillary Spaces best served by dedicated systems

- Often fluctuating occupancy
- May only be utilized part-day
- CO2 Demand control potential

Application: Schools

Classroom Strategies:

Individual classroom HRVs

- CO2 Demand control potential
- Minimize ductwork

Central Systems

- Can use $CO₂$ demand control with zone dampers
- Possibility for reduced equipment sizing with diversity if not all spaces used simultaneously.

Quiet equipment operation critical

Chapter 11: What's Next?

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$HVAC² = (HVAC_x Control)$ SMARTER BUILDING PLATFORM

VENTACITY ELEMENTS

• **Smart Building Gateway (SBG)**

• **Ventacity Cloud VENTACITY APPS**

- •**Desktop Web Dashboards**
- •**Contractor-Branded E-Mail Reports**
- •**Mobile Web Apps & Alerts**

KEY FEATURES

- **One SBG per Building**
- **LTE = Secure & Simple**
- **VPN = Security**

PORTFOLIO MAP / HOME SCREEN

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• OVERVIEW

•"At a Glance" View of All Buildings Under Purview •Color Coded Status:

•Green = OK • Yellow = Warning

BUILDING MAP

• OVERVIEW

- "At a Glance" View of All Equipment On-Site
- Manage Zones
- See Air Quality & Energy Efficiency **Status**

BUILDING ZONES

• OVERVIEW

- "At a Glance" View of All Equipment On-Site
- Manage Zones
- See Air Quality & Energy Efficiency **Status**

SNEAK PREVIEWS...

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• OVERVIEW

•New & Improved Air Flow Diagram •Bypass / Economizer

Details

SNEAK PREVIEWS...

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• OVERVIEW

•Real-Time Gauge Indicators

- •Hover-Over Unit **Details**
- •Zone UI Improvements

Air Quality Energy Efficiency

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• OVERVIEW

- Trends Over Time 1d, 1mo, 1yr, etc.
- Summary Warning / Error Indicators
- Contractor Branded Reports E-Mailed to Customer (Relationship Building for Service Contracts)

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FUJITSU VRF UNIT STATUS

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• OVERVIEW

- "At a Glance" VRF Unit Status
- Key Performance Indicators
- Basic Controls

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