

# Trane Engineers Newsletter Live

# Chilled-Water Terminal Systems Presenters: John Murphy, Mick Schwedler, Eve London, Jeanne Harshaw (host)













#### Trane Engineers Newsletter Live Series Chilled-Water Terminal Systems

#### Abstract

In this program, Trane applications engineers will discuss system design and control strategies for various types of chilled-water terminal systems, including fan-coils, chilled beams, and radiant cooling. Topics include: types of terminal equipment, variable-speed terminal fan operation, dedicated OA system design, chilled-water system design, and complying with ASHRAE 90.1 requirements.

Presenters: Trane applications engineers John Murphy, Mick Schwedler, Eve London

#### After viewing attendees will be able to:

- 1. Summarize design and control strategies that can save energy in various types of chilled-water terminal systems, including fan-coils, chilled beams, and radiant cooling
- 2. Understand the latest fan motor technology being used in chilled-water terminal units
- 3. Apply design and control strategies in a dedicated OA system as part of a chilled-water terminal system
- 4. Learn how to design and control the chilled-water plant for various types of terminal units
- 5. Understand how the requirements of ASHRAE Standard 90.1 apply to chilled-water terminal systems

#### Agenda

- Types of chilled-water terminal units
  - Fan-coils / blower coils
  - Chilled beams
  - Radiant
- Dedicated OA system design
- Chilled-water system configurations and control
- Summary





#### John Murphy | applications engineer | Trane

John has been with Trane since 1993. His primary responsibility as an applications engineer is to aid design engineers and Trane sales personnel in the proper design and application of HVAC systems. As a LEED Accredited Professional, he has helped our customers and local offices on a wide range of LEED projects. His main areas of expertise include energy efficiency, dehumidification, dedicated outdoor-air systems, air-to-air energy recovery, psychrometry, and ventilation.

John is the author of numerous Trane application manuals and Engineers Newsletters, and is a frequent presenter on Trane's *Engineers Newsletter Live* series. He has authored several articles for the ASHRAE Journal, and was twice awarded "Article of the Year" award. As an ASHRAE member he has served on the "Moisture Management in Buildings" and "Mechanical Dehumidifiers" technical committees. He was a contributing author of the *Advanced Energy Design Guide for K-12 Schools* and the *Advanced Energy Design Guide for Small Hospitals and Health Care Facilities*, a technical reviewer for the *ASHRAE Guide for Buildings in Hot and Humid Climates*, and a presenter on the 2012 ASHRAE "Dedicated Outdoor Air Systems" webcast.

#### Mick Schwedler | applications engineer | Trane

Mick has been involved in the development, training, and support of mechanical systems for Trane since 1982. With expertise in system optimization and control (in which he holds patents), and in chilled-water system design, Mick's primary responsibility is to help designers properly apply Trane products and systems. Mick provides one-on-one support, writes technical publications, and presents seminars.

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# **Today's Presenters**



Eve London Product Manager



John Murphy Applications Engineer



Mick Schwedler Applications Engineer













# **Advanced Motor Technology**



## Electronically-Commutated Motor (ECM)

- Brushless technology extends motor service
   life and reduces maintenance
  - Brushes no longer need to be cleaned, and dust from brushes is eliminated
  - Eliminates speed restrictions inherent with "brushed" DC motors
- Commutator doesn't carry current to rotor
  - Eliminates brushes and their wear-related drawbacks

**Reduces maintenance and increases service life** 

# **Advanced Motor Technology**



## ECM Performance

Constant-volume application

- Motors can be used with traditional thermostats
- Soft ramp between speeds
  - Less noticeable by occupants
- Programmability
- Motor speeds (rpm) can be adjusted to minimize acoustical levels

# **Advanced Motor Technology**



#### ECM Performance

Variable-volume application

- Operates at lowest speed necessary to meeting the heating or cooling load
- Programmability
  - High and speeds can be adjusted
- Soft ramp in auto mode
- Longer run times at lower speeds
   improves dehumidification

# **Advanced Motor Technology**



### ECM Efficiency

Conventional Permanent Split Capacitor (PSC) motor technology

- Full-load efficiency is typically 55% to 65%
- Performance degradation at lower speeds, down to 15% to 20%

EC motor technology (brushless DC)

- Full-load efficiency can be 70% or better
- Real advantages come at part load, where efficiency can be two or three times better than conventional PSC motors





































# **Heating with Active Chilled Beams**

- Four-pipe beams
- Two-pipe beams (shared coil) in a four-pipe system
- Two-pipe beams with a heating coil in the air duct
- Separate heating system (baseboard, in-floor radiant)















# **90.1 Economizer Requirement**

Version	2007	2010	2013
Climate zones	all except 1A - 4A and 1B	all except 1	all except 1
Cooling capacity for which an economizer is required ("system" size in Btu/h)	2b,5a,6a,7,8 ≥ 135,000 3b,3c,4b,4c,5b,5c,6b ≥ 65,000	≥ 54,000	≥ 54,000

"Individual fan-cooling units with a supply capacity less than the minimum listed..."



# **90.1 Fan System Power Limitation**

Version	2007, 2010, 2013*				
	<b>Constant Volume</b>	Variable Volume			
Option 1: Nameplate hp	$\leq \mathrm{CFM}_\mathrm{S}  imes 0.0011$	$\leq \mathrm{CFM}_\mathrm{S}  imes 0.0015$			
Option 2: System bhp	$\leq \text{CFM}_{\text{S}} \times 0.00094 + \text{A*}$	$\leq \text{CFM}_{\text{S}} \times 0.0013 + \text{A*}$			

\* A(djustments) differ in each version of the standard.

2010 and 2013 versions: "Single-zone variable-air-volume systems shall comply with the constant-volume fan power limitation."







# conditioned OA delivered Directly to Each Zone

#### Advantages

- Easier to ensure required outdoor airflow reaches each zone (separate diffusers)
- Opportunity to cycle off local fan because OA is not distributed through it
- Allows dedicated OA system to operate during unoccupied periods without needing to operate local fans
- Opportunity to downsize local equipment (if OA delivered cold)

#### Drawbacks

- Requires installation of additional ductwork and separate diffusers
- May require multiple diffusers to ensure that outdoor air is adequately dispersed throughout the zone

# conditioned OA delivered To Intake of Local HVAC Equipment

#### Advantages

- Helps ensure required OA reaches each zone (ducted directly to each unit)
- Avoids cost and space to install additional ductwork and separate diffusers
- Easier to ensure that OA is adequately dispersed throughout zone because it is distributed by local fan

#### Drawbacks

- Measurement and balancing is more difficult than if OA delivered directly to zone
- Typically requires field-fabricated plenum to connect OA duct to mix with RA
- Local fan must operate continuously to provide OA during scheduled occupancy
- Local fan must operate if dedicated OA system operates during unoccupied period

## conditioned OA delivered To Supply-Side of Local HVAC Equipment

#### Advantages

- Helps ensure required OA reaches each zone (ducted directly to each unit)
- Avoids cost and space to install additional ductwork and separate diffusers
- Easier to ensure that OA is adequately dispersed throughout zone because it is distributed by local fan
- Opportunity to downsize local equipment (if OA delivered cold)

#### Drawbacks

- Measurement and balancing is more difficult than if OA delivered directly to zone
- Local fan typically must operate continuously to provide OA during scheduled occupancy (unless pressure-independent VAV terminal)

## conditioned OA delivered To Plenum, Near Local HVAC Equipment

#### Advantages

 Avoids cost and space to install additional ductwork and separate diffusers

#### **Drawbacks**

- More difficult to ensure required OA reaches each zone (not ducted directly)
  - Refer to Figure 5-E and 5-F of ASHRAE 62.1-2010 User's Manual
- Local fan must operate continuously to provide OA during scheduled occupancy
- Conditioned OA not able to be delivered at a cold temperature due to concerns over condensation















# When Should I Reheat Dehumidified OA? To avoid overcooling at part-load conditions Implement demand-controlled ventilation Activate heat in the local HVAC unit Reheat dehumidified air in dedicated OA unit Applications where space sensible cooling loads differ greatly at any given time (e.g., hotels, dormitories) Applications requiring lower-than-normal dew points To avoid condensation when conditioned OA is delivered to the ceiling plenum

# 90.1 DCV Requirement

Version	2007	2010	2013
Zone size, ft <sup>2</sup>	> 500	> 500	> 500
People/1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	> 40	> 40	≥ 25

"... and served by systems with one or more of the following:

a. an airside economizer,

b. automatic modulating control of the outdoor air damper, or

c. a design outdoor airflow greater than 3000 cfm..."

# 90.1 Energy Recovery Requirement

Version	2007	2010	2013
Climate zones	1A - 6A and 1B - 4B	all	all
Lowest %OA	70%	30%	10%
Lowest airflow, cfm	5000	> 0	> 0
Hours of operation	N/A	N/A	< 8000 and ≥ 8000

# 90.1-2010: Energy Recovery

	%	Outdoor	Air at Ful	l Design	Airflow R	late
≥	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%
and <	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	
Climate Zone		Design S	Supply Fa	n Airflow	Rate, cfm	
3B, 3C, 4B, 4C, 5B	NR	NR	NR	NR	≥5000	≥5000
1B, 2B, 5C	NR	NR	≥26000	≥12000	≥5000	≥4000
6B	≥11000	≥5500	≥4500	≥3500	≥2500	≥1500
1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, 6A	≥5500	≥4500	≥3500	≥2000	≥1000	>0
7, 8	≥2500	≥1000	>0	>0	>0	>0

		% Out	door Ai	r at Full	Design	Airflow	Rate	
≥	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%
and <	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	
Climate Zone		De	sign Su	oply Far	Airflow	Rate, cfr	n	
3B, 3C, 4B, 4C, 5B	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
1B, 2B, 5C	NR	NR	NR	NR	≥26000	≥12000	≥5000	≥4000
6B	≥28000	≥26500	≥11000	≥5500	≥4500	≥3500	≥2500	≥1500
1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, 6A	≥26000	≥16000	≥5500	≥4500	≥3500	≥2000	≥1000	>0
7, 8	≥4500	≥4000	≥2500	≥1000	>0	>0	>0	>0

# 90.1-2013: Energy Recovery operating ≥ 8000 hours per year

	%	Outdo	or Air a	at Full	Design	Airflo	w Rate	
≥	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%
and <	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	
Climate Zone		Desig	in Supp	ly Fan	Airflow	Rate, o	cfm	
3C	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
1B, 2B, 3B, 4C, 5C	NR	≥19500	≥9000	≥5000	≥4000	≥3000	≥1500	>0
1A, 2A, 3A, 4B, 5B	≥2500	≥2000	≥1000	≥500	>0	>0	>0	>0
4A, 5A, 6A, 6B, 7, 8	>0	>0	>0	>0	>0	>0	>0	>0







The air system must:

- Deliver the minimum outdoor airflow required by code to each zone (example: ASHRAE Standard 62.1)
- Deliver this air dry enough to offset the latent load in each zone and maintain indoor dew point at or below the desired limit (example: 55°F dew point)

# **Example: Office Space**

 Minimum OA (ASHRAE 62.1)
 85 cfm

 (to earn LEED credit)
 (85 × 1.3 = 110 cfm)

Airflow required to offset space latent load (ex: 1000 Btu/hr)



Vinimum OA (ASHRAE 62.1) (to earn LEED credit)	85 cfm (85 × 1.3	= 110 cfm)	
Airflow required to offset space latent load (ex: 1000 Btu/hr)	85 cfm 110 cfm 360 cfm	$(DPT_{CA} = 47^{\circ}F)$ $(DPT_{CA} = 49^{\circ}F)$ $(DPT_{CA} = 53^{\circ}F)$	

# **Calculations: Office Space Example**

Minimum OA required (ASHRAE 62.1-2010) Airflow required to offset space latent load  $V_{oz} = V_{bz} / E_z = (R_p \times P_z + R_a \times A_z) / E_z$  $Q_{\text{space,latent}} = 0.69 \times CFM_{CA} \times (W_{\text{space}} - W_{CA})$ where, where.  $Q_{\text{space,latent}} = 200 \text{ Btu/h/person} \times 5 \text{ people}$  $R_{p} = 5 \text{ cfm/person}$  $R_a = 0.06 \text{ cfm/ft}^2$ W<sub>space</sub> =  $65 \text{ gr/lb} (75^{\circ}\text{F} \text{ DBT}, 55^{\circ}\text{F} \text{ DPT})$  $P_z = 5$  people  $A_z = 1000 \text{ ft}^2$ 1000 Btu/h =  $0.69 \times 85$  cfm × (65 gr/lb – W<sub>CA</sub>)  $E_z = 1.0$  $W_{CA} = 48 \text{ gr/lb} (DPT_{CA} = 47^{\circ}\text{F})$ 1000 Btu/h =  $0.69 \times 110 \text{ cfm} \times (65 \text{ gr/lb} - W_{CA})$  $V_{oz} = (5 \times 5 + 0.06 \times 1000) / 1.0$ = 85 cfm  $W_{CA} = 52 \text{ gr/lb} (DPT_{CA} = 49^{\circ}F)$ LEED "Increased Ventilation" credit 1000 Btu/h =  $0.69 \times 360 \text{ cfm} \times (65 \text{ gr/lb} - W_{CA})$  $V_{oz}$  = 85 cfm × 1.3 = 110 cfm  $W_{CA} = 61 \text{ gr/lb} (DPT_{CA} = 53^{\circ}F)$ 













# active chilled beams Air System Requirements

The air system must:

- Deliver the minimum outdoor airflow required by code to each zone (example: ASHRAE Standard 62.1)
- Deliver this air dry enough to offset the latent load in each zone and maintain indoor dew point at or below the desired limit (example: 55°F dew point)
- Deliver primary airflow (PA) needed to induce sufficient room air (RA) to offset space sensible cooling load



Minimum OA (ASHRAE 62.1) (to earn LEED credit)	85 cfm (85 × 1.3	= 110 cfm)	
Airflow required to offset space latent load (ex: 1000 Btu/hr)	85 cfm 110 cfm 360 cfm	(DPT <sub>PA</sub> = 47°F) (DPT <sub>PA</sub> = 49°F) (DPT <sub>PA</sub> = 53°F)	1
Airflow needed to induce sufficient room air to offset space sensible cooling load (ex: 19.500 Btu/hr)	360 cfm 500 cfm	(DBT <sub>PA</sub> = 55°F) (DBT <sub>PA</sub> = 70°F)	



	"cold" primary air		"neutral" primary air	
CFM <sub>PA</sub>	360 cfm	larger ducts	500 cfm	
CFM <sub>OA</sub>	85 cfm		85 cfm	
DPT <sub>PA</sub>	53°F		54°F	
DBT <sub>PA</sub>	55°F		70°F	
DBT <sub>CC</sub> (affects CHW temp)	55°F		56°F	
AHU cooling coil	0.9 tons	more AHU tons	1.5 tons	
Terminal unit coil	1.0 tons	more beams	1.4 tons	
AHU supply fan	0.3 bhp	more fan power	0.6 bhp	
GPM <sub>AHU</sub>	1.8 gpm		2.9 gpm	
GPM	6.0 gpm	more pump power	9.0 gpm	























# **Example Chiller Selections**

			Design			Mini	mum
Number of Passes	Capacity (tons)	Full Load EER	NPLV (EER)	Flow Rate (gpm)	∆P (ft. H20)	Flow Rate (gpm)	∆P (ft. H20)
2	193	9.6	13.2	256	3.8	241	3.4
3	197	9.7	13.4	262	13.5	161	5.4

Flow rate cannot be reduced much for the two-pass evaporator















Supply Water Temperature (°F)	Nominal Size (tons)	Number of Passes	Capacity (tons)	Full Load EER	NPLV (EER)	Flow Rate (gpm)	∆P (ft. H20)
42	200	3	197	9.7	13.4	308	13.5
57	155	2	189	10.9	16.6	647	31.1







# **Chilled-Water Systems**

- Single-temperature system can be used for fan-coils
- Dual-temperature systems are applicable for terminal units providing sensible cooling only
- In two-chiller systems, configuring the chillers in series offers installed and operating cost benefits
- In a dual-temperature system, one additional chiller can provide redundancy, if piped properly







# 2015 Programs

- Variable-Speed Compressors on Chillers
- Coil Selection and Optimization
- Acoustics: Evaluating Sound Data
- Small Chilled-Water Systems





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