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Whole Building Humidity Control Systems

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Whole Building Humidity Control Systems

- How does it fit into the modern HVAC System?
- How do whole building system work?
- What does humidity control add to utility bills?
- How much do they cost to include / retrofit?

How does it fit into the modern HVAC System

Basic Terminology

HVAC

- *Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning systems.*

Air Handling Unit-

- *A device to condition air. Consists of a fan and casing. Can include , cooling coils, heating coils, filters, dampers, and humidity control equipment.*

Outside Air-(OA)

- *The ambient air outside the structure. Temperature and humidity levels are dependent on weather patterns for the specified area.*

Humidity

- *Gaseous mixture of air and water vapor(humidity). Water vapor (humidity), being a gas occupies space along with the other gases comprising the air.*

- In the HVAC engineering air is considered as being made up of only two components- **Dry air** and **water vapor**.
- The properties of air remain relatively unchanged as the temperature of the air rises and falls.
- The water vapor, on the other hand, may undergo considerable alteration as the temperature changes, including changes of state (condensing and freezing). Substantial amounts of energy are involved in these transformation.

Relative Humidity (RH)

- *Describes the wetness or dryness of air at a given temperature and pressure.*
- **RH tells us the amount of moisture present in the air at a given temperature compared to what the air could hold at that temperature if it were saturated and is expressed as a percentage.**
- **If temperature rises 1⁰F with moisture content remaining the same the RH goes down~2%.**
- **If the temperature drops 1⁰F with the moisture content remaining the same the RH goes up ~2%.**

Absolute Humidity, Humidity Ratio, and Specific Humidity

- Each of these terms is **expressed as number that describes a unit weight of water vapor associated with a unit weight of dry air.** (grains or lbs of moisture/lb of dry Air)

Duct Equivalent Relative Humidity

- *This is the relative humidity of a duct air stream at a given temperature as compared to the relative humidity of the space served which is usually at a different temperature*

Dry Bulb Temperature

- *The temperature of air indicated by any type of thermometer or thermocouple that has not been affected by evaporation or radiation.*
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Wet Bulb Temperature

- *Expression of the temperature of the air when a wick or sock wetted with water encases the sensing element of a dry bulb thermometer and air is passed over it at a velocity of 700 ft per minute or more. The drier the air the greater is the cooling caused by evaporation and, therefore, the lower the wet bulb temperature.*

Dew-Point Temperature

- *The saturation temperature corresponding to the humidity ratio and pressure of a given moist-air state. It is the surface temperature at which moisture begins to condense on the surface. The more humid the air, the higher the dew-point temperature. Conversely, the dryer the air, the lower the dew-point temperature. Air at 100 RH.*

Vapor Migration

- *In a mixture of water vapor and dry air, the water vapor exerts its own vapor pressure and will migrate from areas of higher vapor pressure to areas of lower vapor pressure. This migration occurs regardless of air movement. It is important to keep this phenomenon in mind when designing humidification for buildings or spaces within buildings. It may be necessary to consider the use of building materials having vapor barrier qualities in order to prevent loss of moisture, condensation and/or frost formation within the walls of the structure. Resulting in damage.*

Latent Heat

- *Latent means hidden. In HVAC usage, latent commonly refers to change of state, which is the heat involved in fusion (freezing water or melting ice) or vaporization (creating water vapor) condensation with no change in temperature. For water, fusion requires 144 btu per pound and vaporization and condensation requires 970 BTU per pound. These values, which are for sea-level atmospheric pressure, vary as pressure changes. Latent heat is not the same for all substances.*

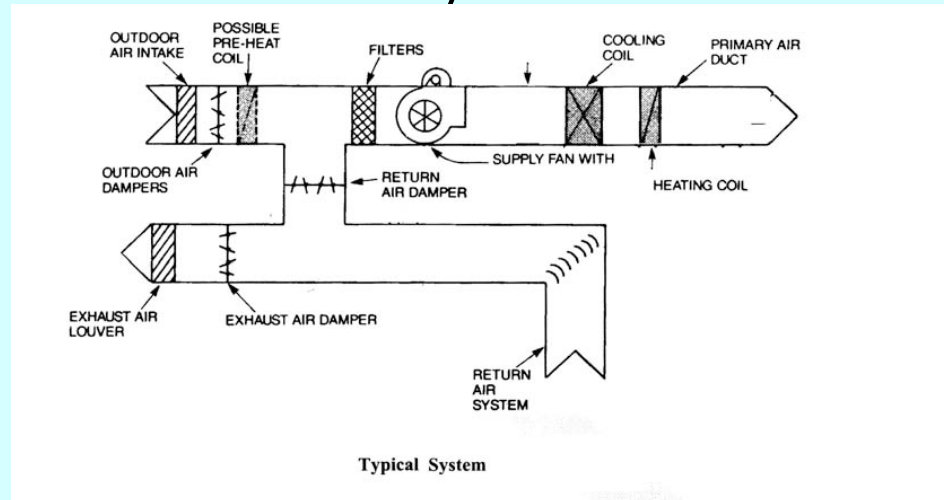
Sensible Heat

- *Sensible means that which can be sensed. In HVAC usage, it refers to the heat required to cause a change in temperature. The change is detected or sensed by the use of a thermometer*

Air handling unit- Can be a single piece of equipment in small installations to field assembled components in large installations.

- **Basic system includes Fan and Casing**
- **Supplementary items-**
 - *Cooling Coils to remove heat*
 - *Heating Coils to add heat*
 - *Filters to clean the air*
 - *Control valves to regulate the amount of heat removed or added to system*
 - *Dampers to control the flow of air*
 - *Sensors used to supply feedback to the system controller*
 - *Controller used to control set-points and sequences. Normally control valves and dampers in system. Can also provide information to other system controllers for monitoring and trending operation.*

How Do Systems Work



Controlling Temperature-Heat removal

Function of removing the sensible heat dissipated in the space.

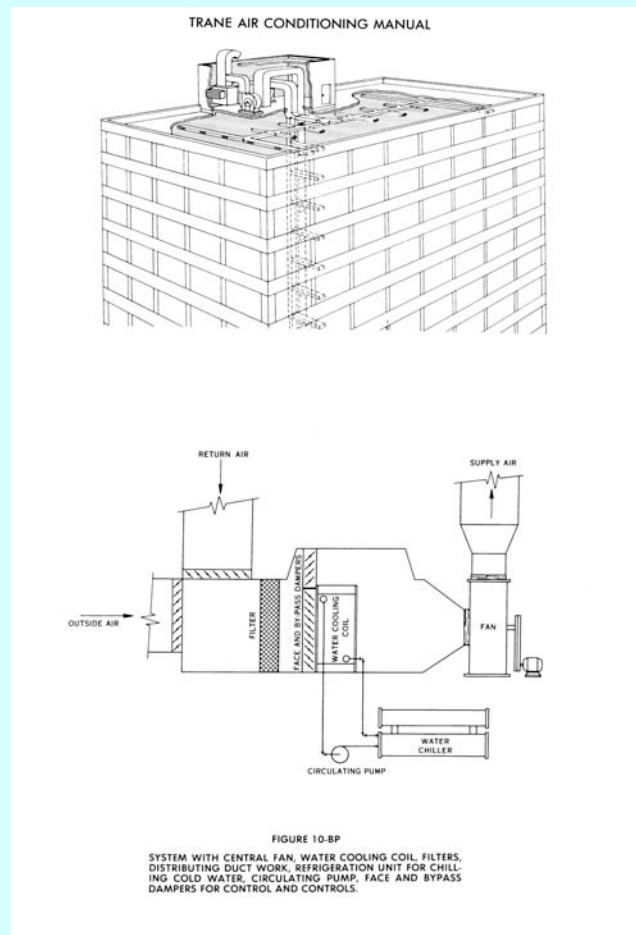
Sources-

Solar heat gain through glass, radiant heat from walls/roof heated by sun, people, lights, and outside air.

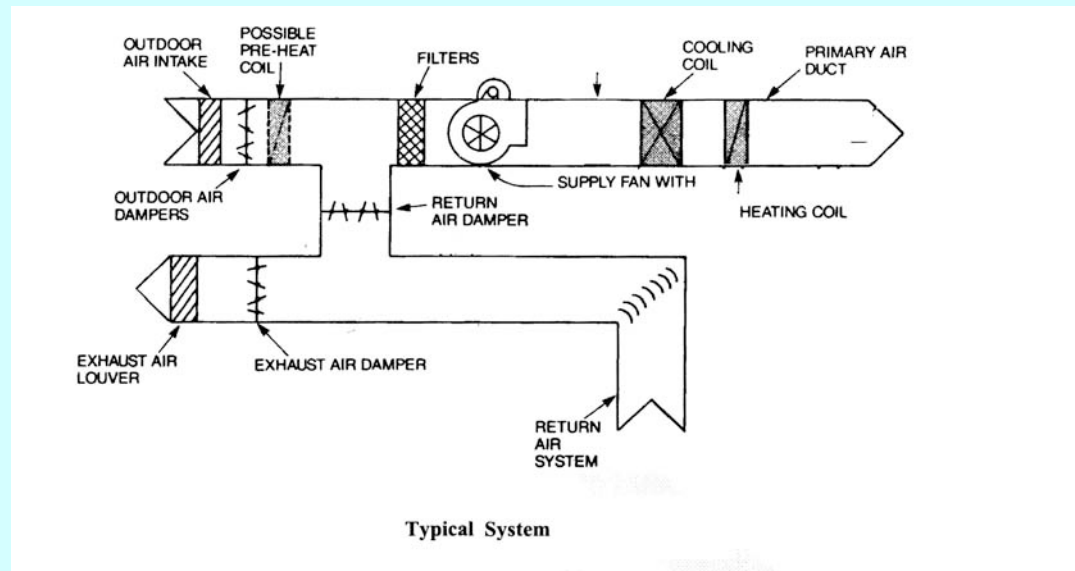
Each space's temperature gain is dependent on its heat gain and the sensible cooling is provided by the volume of air and temperature difference below the set-point temperature.

Whole Building A/C

How Do Systems Work

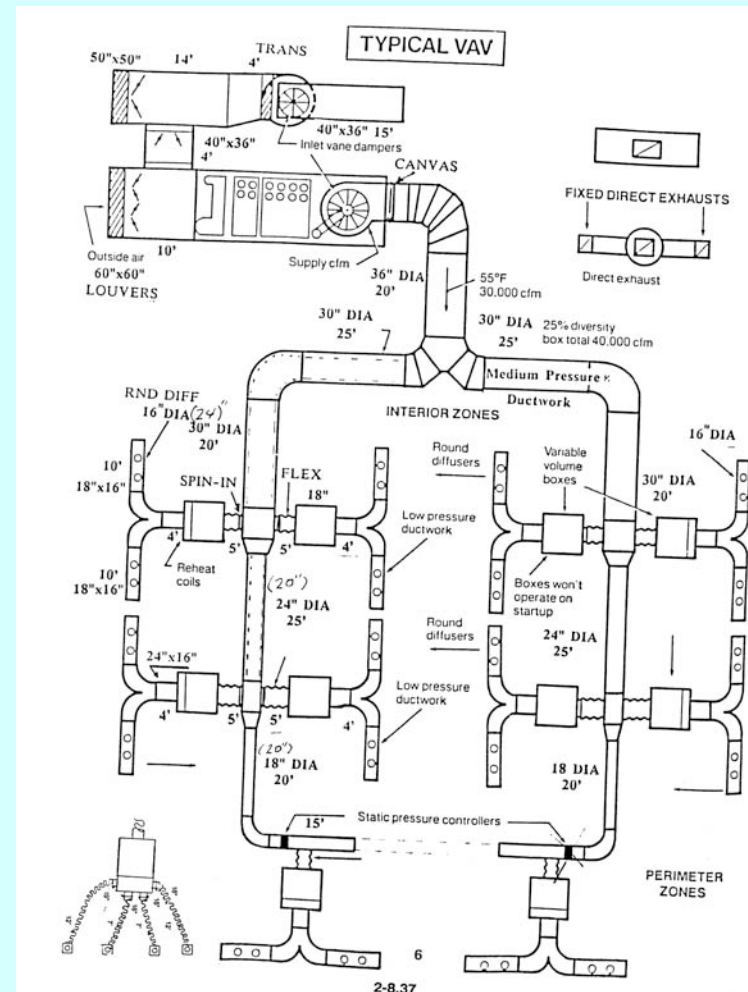


Single Zone AHU

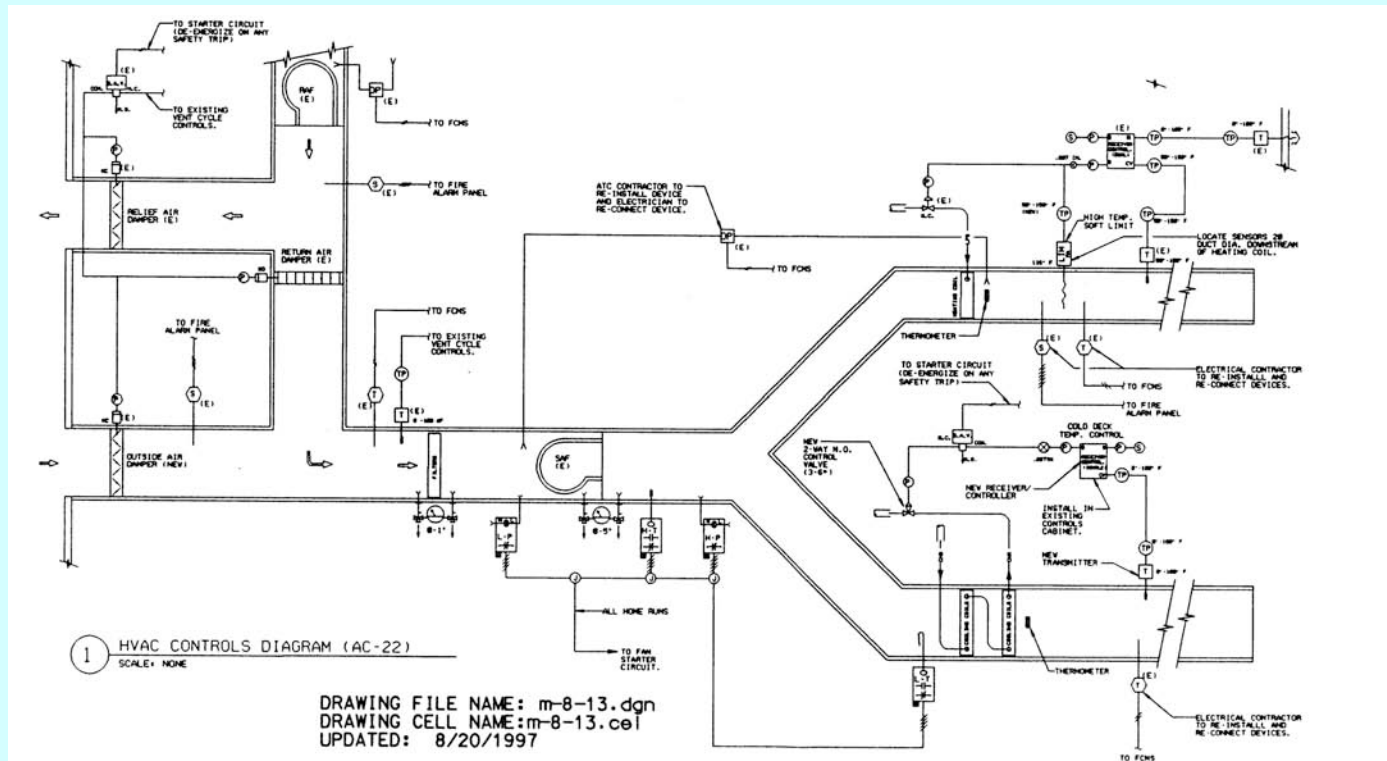


- Basic System

Single AHU for cooling with supplemental heating on exterior zones.



Dual Duct-Constant Volume, Variable Volume

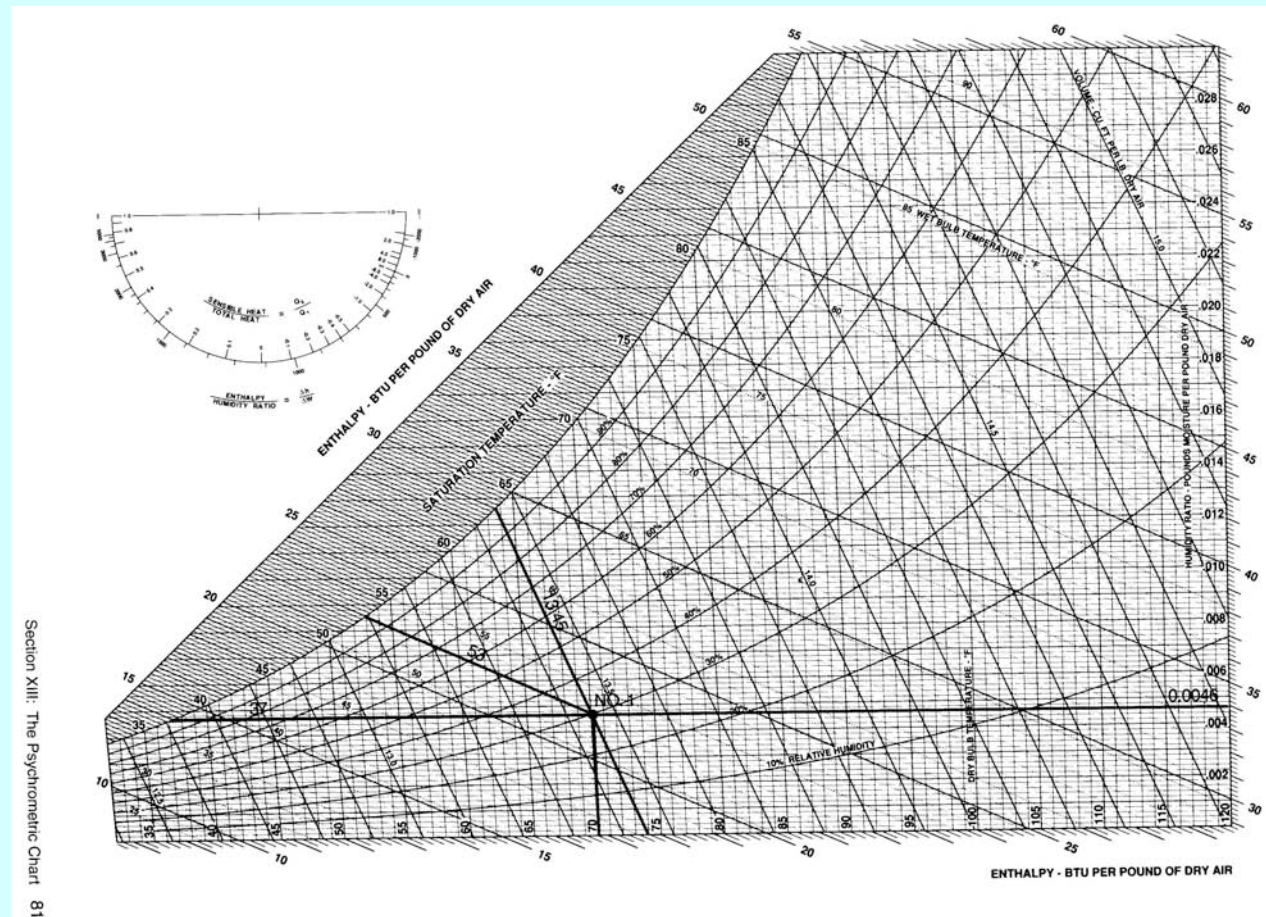


Basic requirements of HVAC Systems

- Supply a balanced volume of air at a temperature and moisture content to balance any heat gains or losses in the space and maintain the RH at the desired level.

Psychrometric Chart

- Added heat moves point to right
- Remove heat moves point left
- Added moisture moves point up.
- Remove moisture moves point down



RH is curved lines up and to left

Dewpoint horizontal

Basic Control

Temperature- Sensible reading of a Thermometer

- Add heat and temperature goes up.
- Remove heat and temperature goes down.
- Thermostat senses change and sends signal to add or remove heat.



RH Control

Humidity- Causes change in characteristic of Sensor

- Change in size
- Change in Capacitance
- Senses change in wet bulb sensor. (wet sock over thermometer sensing bulb.

Humidity Sensors Properties

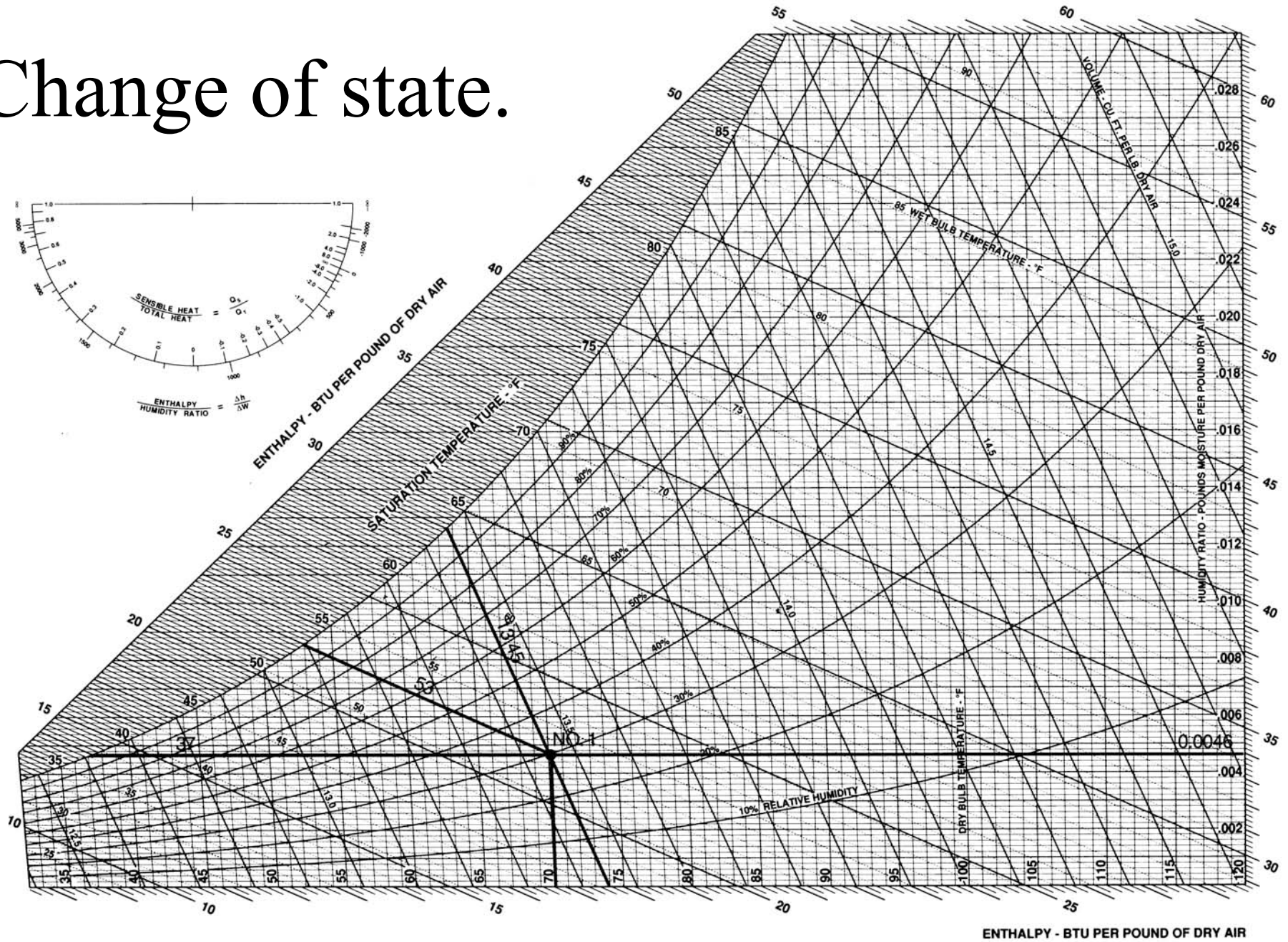
Table 13-1: Humidity sensor properties

| Type of Sensor | Sensor Category | Method Of Operation | Approx. Range | Uses | Approx. Accuracy |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Psychrometer | Evaporative cooling | Temperature measurement of wet bulb | 32 to 180°F | Measurement, standard | ±3 to ±7% RH |
| Adiabatic Saturation Psychrometer | Evaporative cooling | Temperature measurement of thermodynamic wet bulb | 40 to 85°F | Measurement, standard | ±0.2 to ±2% RH |
| Cilled Mirror | Dew point | Optical determination of moisture formation | -110 to 200°F dp | Measurement, control, meteorology | ±0.4 to ±4°F |
| Heated Saturated Salt Solution | Water vapor pressure | Vapor pressure depression in salt solution | -20 to 160°F dp | Measurement, control, meteorology | ±3°F |
| Hair | Mechanical | Dimensional change | 5 to 100% RH | Measurement, control | ±5%RH |
| Nylon | Mechanical | Dimensional change | 5 to 100% RH | Measurement, control | ±5%RH |
| Dacron Thread | Mechanical | Dimensional change | 5 to 100% RH | Measurement | ±7%RH |
| Goldbeater's Skin | Mechanical | Dimensional change | 5 to 100% RH | Measurement | ±7%RH |
| Cellulosic Materials | Mechanical | Dimensional change | 5 to 100% RH | Measurement, control | ±5%RH |
| Carbon | Mechanical | Dimensional change | 5 to 100% RH | Measurement | ±5%RH |
| Dunmore Type | Electrical | Impedence | 7 to 98% RH at 40 to 140°F | Measurement, control | ±1.5%RH |
| Ion Exchange Resin | Electrical | Impedence or capacitance | 10 to 100% RH at -40 to 190°F | Measurement, control | ±5%RH |
| Porous Ceramic | Electrical | Impedence or capacitance | Up to 400°F | Measurement, control | ±1 to ±1.5% RH |
| Aluminum Oxide | Electrical | Capacitance | 5 to 100% RH | Measurement, control | ±3%RH |
| Aluminum Oxide | Electrical | Capacitance | -110 to 140°F dp | Trace moisture measurement, control | ±2°F dp |
| Electrolytic Hygrometer | Electrical | Capacitance | | | |
| Coulometric | Electrical cell | Electrolyzes due absorbed moisture | 1 to 1000 ppm | Measurement | |
| Infrared Laser Diode | Electrical | Optical diodes | 0.1 to 100 ppm | Trace moisture measurement | ±0.1 ppm |
| Surface Acoustic Wave | Electrical | SAW attenuation | 85 to 98% RH | Measurement, control | ±1% RH |
| Piezoelectric | Mass sensitive | Mass changes due to absorbed moisture | -100 to 0°F | Trace moisture measurement, control | ±2 to ±10°F dp |
| Radiation Absorption | Moisture absorption | Moisture absorption of UV or IR radiation | 0 to 180°F dp | Measurement, control, meterology | ±4°F dp, ±5% RH |
| Gravimetric | Direct measurement of mixing ratio | Comparison of sample gas with dry airstream | 120 to 20,000 ppm mixing ratio | Primary standard, research and laboratory | ±0.13% of reading |
| Color Change | Physical | Color changes | 10 to 80% RH | Warning device | ±10% RH |

Relative Humidity

- Changes with temperature with no change in moisture content.
- 1 Degree temperature change produces $\sim 2\%$ RH change.
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- Changes with increased moisture content of air with no change in temperature.
- 1 Degree of Change in dew point produces at constant temperature $\sim 2\%$ in RH.

Change of state.



Vapor Migration

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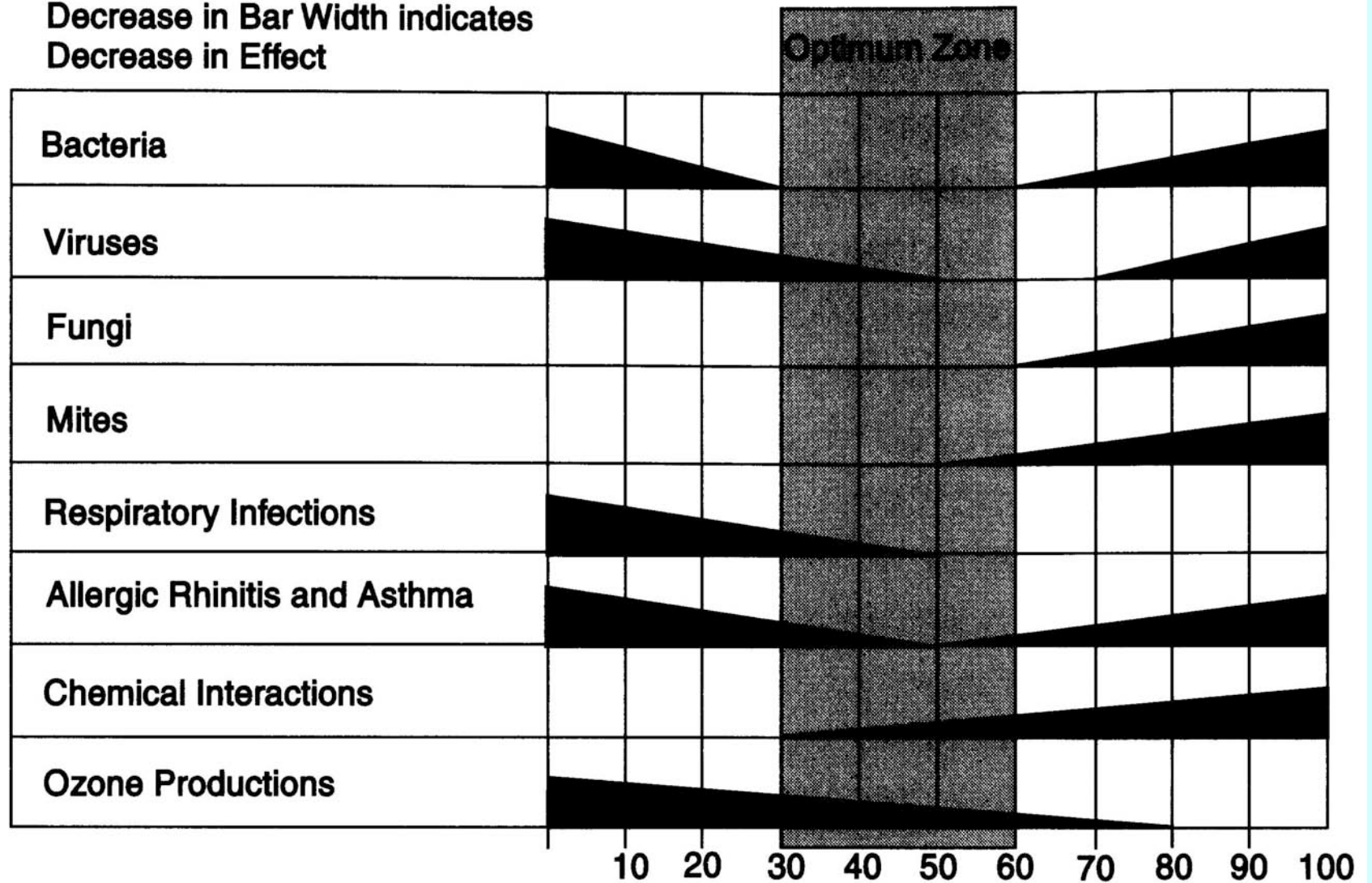
Air that mixes will seek an equilibrium in dew point. If left untreated building air dew point will be governed by the OA dew point.

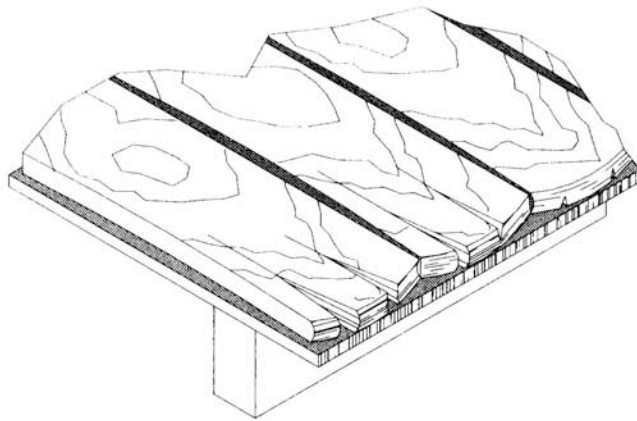
How does this effect hygroscopic materials

- Hygroscopic-Readily absorbing moisture, as from the atmosphere.
- Materials such as wood and building materials.
- Changes in weight.
- Changes in length and width.
- Changes in ability to support micro-organisms, grow mold, and deteriorate .

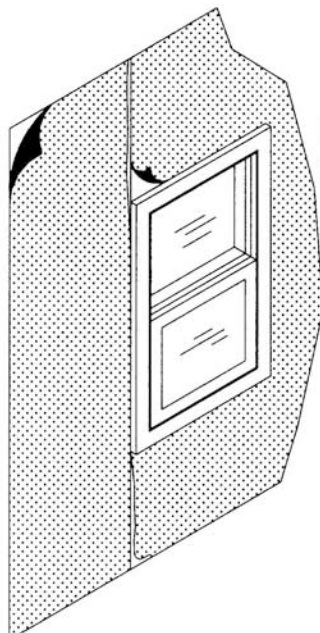
Figure 18-1: The Sterling bar graph

Decrease in Bar Width indicates
Decrease in Effect





Floorboards buckle



Wallpaper seams open and gaps form

Libraries and Museums

Many priceless manuscripts, books, works of art, and other exhibited objects have been destroyed or badly damaged because they were not kept in a properly controlled atmosphere. The environmental conditions most suitable for these objects do not generally fall within the human comfort range.

In addition to housing books, libraries handle microfilms and many forms of electronic media records. Some also handle works of art. Microfilms and magnetic tape become too dry below 37% relative humidity, while paper survives best at an upper limit of 40%.

A variety of museum pieces are organic in nature and survive best at lower temperatures. Some museums rotate their collections between storage and display. While in storage, the temperature should be kept cooler than the comfort range.

Many art conservators firmly believe that maintaining a constant relative humidity is far more important than maintaining a constant temperature. Changes in RH, especially for such hygroscopic materials as wood and paper, can cause dramatic dimensional changes to objects composed of these materials. In fact, a change of 4% RH for certain moisture-absorbent wooden materials can cause an expansion across the grain equivalent to a change of 18°F, at a constant relative humidity. A change of 18°F would be extraordinary in a building with a working air conditioning system, whereas a 4% change in RH is usually considered *within spec* for most museum environmental control systems.



Equilibrium of Materials at different RH

Table 38-1: EMC % of wood

| Dry Bulb | | Relative Humidity | | | | | |
|----------|----|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|------|
| °C | °F | 12% | 25% | 38% | 51% | 63% | 72% |
| 10 | 50 | 3 | 5.0 | 7.0 | 8.9 | 11.0 | 12.9 |
| 12.8 | 55 | 3 | 5.0 | 7.0 | 8.9 | 11.0 | 12.9 |
| 15.5 | 60 | 3.1 | 5.1 | 7.1 | 8.9 | 11.0 | 13.0 |
| 18.3 | 65 | 3.2 | 5.1 | 7.1 | 9.0 | 11.1 | 13.5 |
| 21.1 | 70 | 3.2 | 5.2 | 7.1 | 9.0 | 11.1 | 13.6 |
| 23.9 | 75 | 3.3 | 5.2 | 7.2 | 9.0 | 11.2 | 14.0 |
| 26.7 | 80 | 3.3 | 5.3 | 7.2 | 9.1 | 11.2 | 14.0 |

Table 31-1: Regain of various hygroscopic materials

| CLASSIFICATION: NATURAL TEXTILE FABRICS | | RELATIVE HUMIDITY | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| MATERIALS: | DESCRIPTION: | 10% | 20% | 30% | 40% | 50% | 60% | 70% | 80% | 90% |
| Cotton | Sea Island-roving | 2.5 | 3.7 | 4.6 | 5.5 | 6.6 | 7.9 | 9.5 | 11.5 | 14.1 |
| Cotton | American cloth | 2.6 | 3.7 | 4.4 | 5.5 | 5.9 | 6.8 | 8.1 | 10.0 | 14.3 |
| Cotton | Absorbent | 4.8 | 9.0 | 12.5 | 15.7 | 18.5 | 20.8 | 22.8 | 24.3 | 25.8 |
| Wool | Australian Merino - Skein | 4.7 | 7.0 | 8.9 | 10.8 | 12.8 | 14.9 | 17.2 | 19.9 | 23.4 |
| Silk | Raw Chevennes - Skein | 3.2 | 5.5 | 6.9 | 8.0 | 8.9 | 10.2 | 11.9 | 14.3 | 18.3 |
| Linen | Table cloth | 1.9 | 2.9 | 3.6 | 4.3 | 5.1 | 6.1 | 7.0 | 8.4 | 10.2 |
| Linen | Dry spun - yarn | 3.6 | 5.4 | 6.5 | 7.3 | 8.1 | 8.9 | 9.8 | 11.2 | 13.8 |
| Jute | Average of several grades | 3.1 | 5.2 | 6.9 | 8.5 | 10.2 | 12.2 | 14.4 | 17.1 | 20.2 |
| Hemp | Manila & sisal rope | 2.7 | 4.7 | 6.0 | 7.2 | 8.5 | 9.9 | 11.6 | 13.6 | 15.7 |
| CLASSIFICATION: RAYONS | | RELATIVE HUMIDITY | | | | | | | | |
| MATERIALS: | DESCRIPTION: | 10% | 20% | 30% | 40% | 50% | 60% | 70% | 80% | 90% |
| Viscose nitro-cellulose | Average Skein | 4.0 | 5.7 | 6.8 | 7.9 | 9.2 | 10.8 | 12.4 | 14.2 | 16.0 |
| Cuprammonium cellulose acetate | | 0.8 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.9 | 2.4 | 3.0 | 3.6 | 4.3 | 5.3 |
| CLASSIFICATION: PAPERS | | RELATIVE HUMIDITY | | | | | | | | |
| MATERIALS: | DESCRIPTION: | 10% | 20% | 30% | 40% | 50% | 60% | 70% | 80% | 90% |
| M.F. newspring | Wood pulp - 24% ash | 2.1 | 3.2 | 4.0 | 4.7 | 5.3 | 6.1 | 7.2 | 8.7 | 10.6 |
| H.M.F. writing | Wood pulp - 3% ash | 3.0 | 4.2 | 5.2 | 6.2 | 7.2 | 8.3 | 9.9 | 11.9 | 14.2 |
| White bond | Rag - 1% ash | 2.4 | 3.7 | 4.7 | 5.5 | 6.5 | 7.5 | 8.8 | 10.8 | 13.2 |
| Comm. ledger | 75% rag - 1% ash | 3.2 | 4.2 | 5.0 | 5.6 | 6.2 | 6.9 | 8.1 | 10.3 | 13.9 |
| Kraft wrapping | Coniferous | 3.2 | 4.6 | 5.7 | 6.6 | 7.6 | 8.9 | 10.5 | 12.6 | 14.9 |
| CLASSIFICATION: MISC. ORGANIC MATERIALS | | RELATIVE HUMIDITY | | | | | | | | |
| MATERIALS: | DESCRIPTION: | 10% | 20% | 30% | 40% | 50% | 60% | 70% | 80% | 90% |
| Leather | Sole oak-tanned | 5.0 | 8.5 | 11.2 | 13.6 | 16.0 | 18.3 | 20.6 | 24.0 | 29.2 |
| Catgut | Racquet strings | 4.6 | 7.2 | 8.6 | 10.2 | 12.0 | 14.3 | 17.3 | 19.8 | 21.7 |
| Glue | Hide | 3.4 | 4.8 | 5.8 | 6.6 | 7.6 | 9.0 | 10.7 | 11.8 | 12.5 |
| Rubber | Solid tires | 0.11 | 0.21 | 0.32 | 0.44 | 0.54 | 0.66 | 0.76 | 0.88 | 0.99 |
| Wood | Timber (average) | 3.0 | 4.4 | 5.9 | 7.6 | 9.3 | 11.3 | 14.0 | 17.5 | 22.0 |
| Soap | White | 1.9 | 3.8 | 5.7 | 7.6 | 10.0 | 12.9 | 16.1 | 19.8 | 23.8 |
| Tobacco | Cigarette | 5.4 | 8.6 | 11.0 | 13.3 | 16.0 | 19.5 | 25.0 | 33.5 | 50.0 |
| CLASSIFICATION: FOODSTUFFS | | RELATIVE HUMIDITY | | | | | | | | |
| MATERIALS: | DESCRIPTION: | 10% | 20% | 30% | 40% | 50% | 60% | 70% | 80% | 90% |
| White bread | | 0.5 | 1.7 | 3.1 | 4.5 | 6.2 | 8.5 | 11.1 | 14.5 | 19.0 |
| Crackers | | 2.1 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 3.9 | 5.0 | 6.5 | 8.3 | 10.9 | 14.9 |
| Macaroni | | 5.1 | 7.4 | 8.8 | 10.2 | 11.7 | 13.7 | 16.2 | 19.09 | 22.1 |
| Flour | | 2.6 | 4.1 | 5.3 | 6.5 | 8.0 | 9.9 | 12.4 | 15.4 | 19.1 |
| Starch | | 2.2 | 3.8 | 5.2 | 6.4 | 7.4 | 8.3 | 9.2 | 10.6 | 12.7 |
| Gelatin | | 0.7 | 1.6 | 2.8 | 3.8 | 4.9 | 6.1 | 7.6 | 9.3 | 11.4 |
| CLASSIFICATIONS: MISC. INORGANIC MATERIALS | | RELATIVE HUMIDITY | | | | | | | | |
| MATERIALS: | DESCRIPTION: | 10% | 20% | 30% | 40% | 50% | 60% | 70% | 80% | 90% |
| Asbestos fiber | Finely divided | 0.16 | 0.24 | 0.26 | 0.32 | 0.41 | 0.51 | 0.62 | 0.73 | 0.84 |
| Silica gel | | 5.70 | 9.80 | 12.70 | 15.20 | 17.20 | 18.80 | 20.20 | 21.50 | 22.60 |
| Domestic coke | | 0.20 | 0.40 | 0.61 | 0.81 | 1.03 | 1.24 | 1.46 | 1.67 | 1.89 |
| Activated charcoal | Steam activated | 7.10 | 14.30 | 22.80 | 26.20 | 28.30 | 29.20 | 30.00 | 31.10 | 32.70 |
| Sulfuric acid | H ₂ SO ₄ | 33.00 | 41.00 | 47.50 | 52.50 | 57.00 | 61.50 | 67.00 | 73.50 | 82.50 |

Dimensional Change in Woods

Table 12-5. Coefficients for dimensional change as a result of shrinking or swelling within moisture content limits of 6% to 14% (C_T = dimensional change coefficient for tangential direction; C_R = radial direction)

| Species | Dimensional change coefficient ^a | | Species | Dimensional change coefficient ^a | |
|------------------------------------|---|----------------|--------------------------------|---|----------------|
| | C _R | C _T | | C _R | C _T |
| Hardwoods | | | | | |
| Alder, red | 0.00151 | 0.00256 | Honeylocust | 0.00144 | 0.00230 |
| Apple | 0.00205 | 0.00376 | Locust, black | 0.00158 | 0.00252 |
| Ash, black | 0.00172 | 0.00274 | Madrone, Pacific | 0.00194 | 0.00451 |
| Ash, Oregon | 0.00141 | 0.00285 | Magnolia, cucumbertree | 0.00180 | 0.00312 |
| Ash, pumpkin | 0.00126 | 0.00219 | Magnolia, southern | 0.00187 | 0.00230 |
| Ash, white | 0.00169 | 0.00274 | Magnolia, sweetbay | 0.00162 | 0.00293 |
| Ash, green | 0.00169 | 0.00274 | Maple, bigleaf | 0.00126 | 0.00248 |
| Aspen, quaking | 0.00119 | 0.00234 | Maple, red | 0.00137 | 0.00289 |
| Basswood, American | 0.00230 | 0.00330 | Maple, silver | 0.00102 | 0.00252 |
| Beech, American | 0.00190 | 0.00431 | Maple, black | 0.00165 | 0.00353 |
| Birch, paper | 0.00219 | 0.00304 | Maple, sugar | 0.00165 | 0.00353 |
| Birch, river | 0.00162 | 0.00327 | Oak, black | 0.00123 | 0.00230 |
| Birch, yellow | 0.00256 | 0.00338 | Red Oak, commercial | 0.00158 | 0.00369 |
| Birch, sweet | 0.00256 | 0.00338 | Red oak, California | 0.00123 | 0.00230 |
| Buckeye, yellow | 0.00123 | 0.00285 | Red oak: water, laurel, willow | 0.00151 | 0.00350 |
| Butternut | 0.00116 | 0.00223 | White Oak, commercial | 0.00180 | 0.00365 |
| Catalpa, northern | 0.00085 | 0.00169 | White oak, live | 0.00230 | 0.00338 |
| Cherry, black | 0.00126 | 0.00248 | White oak, Oregon white | 0.00144 | 0.00327 |
| Chestnut, American | 0.00116 | 0.00234 | White oak, overcup | 0.00183 | 0.00462 |
| Cottonwood, black | 0.00123 | 0.00304 | Persimmon, common | 0.00278 | 0.00403 |
| Cottonwood, eastern | 0.00133 | 0.00327 | Sassafras | 0.00137 | 0.00216 |
| Elm, American | 0.00144 | 0.00338 | Sweet gum | 0.00183 | 0.00365 |
| Elm, rock | 0.00165 | 0.00285 | Sycamore, American | 0.00172 | 0.00296 |
| Elm, slippery | 0.00169 | 0.00315 | Tanoak | 0.00169 | 0.00423 |
| Elm, winged | 0.00183 | 0.00419 | Tupelo, black | 0.00176 | 0.00308 |
| Elm, cedar | 0.00183 | 0.00419 | Tupelo, water | 0.00144 | 0.00267 |
| Hackberry | 0.00165 | 0.00315 | Walnut, black | 0.00190 | 0.00274 |
| Hickory, pecan | 0.00169 | 0.00315 | Willow, black | 0.00112 | 0.00308 |
| Hickory, true | 0.00259 | 0.00411 | Willow, Pacific | 0.00099 | 0.00319 |
| Holly, American | 0.00165 | 0.00353 | Yellow-poplar | 0.00158 | 0.00289 |
| Softwoods | | | | | |
| Baldcypress | 0.00130 | 0.00216 | Pine, eastern white | 0.00071 | 0.00212 |
| Cedar, yellow | 0.00095 | 0.00208 | Pine, jack | 0.00126 | 0.00230 |
| Cedar, Atlantic white | 0.00099 | 0.00187 | Pine, loblolly | 0.00165 | 0.00259 |
| Cedar, eastern red | 0.00106 | 0.00162 | Pine, pond | 0.00165 | 0.00259 |
| Cedar, Incense | 0.00112 | 0.00180 | Pine, lodgepole | 0.00148 | 0.00234 |
| Cedar, Northern white ^b | 0.00101 | 0.00229 | Pine, Jeffrey | 0.00148 | 0.00234 |
| Cedar, Port-Orford | 0.00158 | 0.00241 | Pine, longleaf | 0.00176 | 0.00263 |
| Cedar, western red ^b | 0.00111 | 0.00234 | Pine, ponderosa | 0.00133 | 0.00216 |
| Douglas-fir, Coast-type | 0.00165 | 0.00267 | Pine, red | 0.00130 | 0.00252 |
| Douglas-fir, Interior north | 0.00130 | 0.00241 | Pine, shortleaf | 0.00158 | 0.00271 |
| Douglas-fir, Interior west | 0.00165 | 0.00263 | Pine, slash | 0.00187 | 0.00267 |
| Fir, balsam | 0.00099 | 0.00241 | Pine, sugar | 0.00099 | 0.00194 |
| Fir, California red | 0.00155 | 0.00278 | Pine, Virginia | 0.00144 | 0.00252 |
| Fir, noble | 0.00148 | 0.00293 | Pine, western white | 0.00141 | 0.00259 |

Estimation Using Dimensional Change Coefficient

The change in dimension within the moisture content limits of 6% to 14% can be estimated satisfactorily by using a dimensional change coefficient based on the dimension at 10% moisture content:

$$\Delta D = D_i [C_T (M_F - M_i)] \quad (12-2)$$

where ΔD is change in dimension, D_i dimension in units of length at start of change, C_T dimensional change coefficient tangential direction (for radial direction, use C_R), M_F moisture content (%) at end of change, and M_i moisture content (%) at start of change.

Values for C_T and C_R , derived from total shrinkage values, are given in Table 12-5. When $M_F < M_i$, the quantity ($M_F - M_i$) will be negative, indicating a decrease in dimension; when greater, it will be positive, indicating an increase in dimension.

As an example, assuming the width of a flat-grained white fir board is 232 mm (9.15 in.) at 8% moisture content, its change in width at 11% moisture content is estimated as

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta D &= 232[0.00245(11 - 8)] \\ &= 232(0.00735) \\ &= 1.705 \text{ mm} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta D &= 9.15[0.00245(11 - 8)] \\ &= 9.15[0.00735] \\ &= 0.06725 \text{ or } 0.067 \text{ in.} \end{aligned}$$

Then, dimension at end of change

$$\begin{aligned} D_i + \Delta D &= 232 + 1.7 \quad (= 9.15 + 0.067) \\ &= 233.7 \text{ mm} \quad (= 9.217 \text{ in.}) \end{aligned}$$

The thickness of the same board at 11% moisture content can be estimated by using the coefficient $C_R = 0.00112$.

Wood Equilibrium Moisture Content in Outdoors in several US Locations

Table 12-1. Equilibrium moisture content of wood, exposed to outdoor atmosphere, in several U.S. locations in 1997

| State | City | Equilibrium moisture content ^a (%) | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|---------------------|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|
| | | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. |
| AK | Juneau | 16.5 | 16.0 | 15.1 | 13.9 | 13.6 | 13.9 | 15.1 | 16.5 | 18.1 | 18.0 | 17.7 | 18.1 |
| AL | Mobile | 13.8 | 13.1 | 13.3 | 13.3 | 13.4 | 13.3 | 14.2 | 14.4 | 13.9 | 13.0 | 13.7 | 14.0 |
| AZ | Flagstaff | 11.8 | 11.4 | 10.8 | 9.3 | 8.8 | 7.5 | 9.7 | 11.1 | 10.3 | 10.1 | 10.8 | 11.8 |
| AZ | Phoenix | 9.4 | 8.4 | 7.9 | 6.1 | 5.1 | 4.6 | 6.2 | 6.9 | 6.9 | 7.0 | 8.2 | 9.5 |
| AR | Little Rock | 13.8 | 13.2 | 12.8 | 13.1 | 13.7 | 13.1 | 13.3 | 13.5 | 13.9 | 13.1 | 13.5 | 13.9 |
| CA | Fresno | 16.4 | 14.1 | 12.6 | 10.6 | 9.1 | 8.2 | 7.8 | 8.4 | 9.2 | 10.3 | 13.4 | 16.6 |
| CA | Los Angeles | 12.2 | 13.0 | 13.8 | 13.8 | 14.4 | 14.8 | 15.0 | 15.1 | 14.5 | 13.8 | 12.4 | 12.1 |
| CO | Denver | 10.7 | 10.5 | 10.2 | 9.6 | 10.2 | 9.6 | 9.4 | 9.6 | 9.5 | 9.5 | 11.0 | 11.0 |
| DC | Washington | 11.8 | 11.5 | 11.3 | 11.1 | 11.6 | 11.7 | 11.7 | 12.3 | 12.6 | 12.5 | 12.2 | 12.2 |
| FL | Miami | 13.5 | 13.1 | 12.8 | 12.3 | 12.7 | 14.0 | 13.7 | 14.1 | 14.5 | 13.5 | 13.9 | 13.4 |
| GA | Atlanta | 13.3 | 12.3 | 12.0 | 11.8 | 12.5 | 13.0 | 13.8 | 14.2 | 13.9 | 13.0 | 12.9 | 13.2 |
| HI | Honolulu | 13.3 | 12.8 | 11.9 | 11.3 | 10.8 | 10.6 | 10.6 | 10.7 | 10.8 | 11.3 | 12.1 | 12.9 |
| ID | Boise | 15.2 | 13.5 | 11.1 | 10.0 | 9.7 | 9.0 | 7.3 | 7.3 | 8.4 | 10.0 | 13.3 | 15.2 |
| IL | Chicago | 14.2 | 13.7 | 13.4 | 12.5 | 12.2 | 12.4 | 12.8 | 13.3 | 13.3 | 12.9 | 14.0 | 14.9 |
| IN | Indianapolis | 15.1 | 14.6 | 13.8 | 12.8 | 13.0 | 12.8 | 13.9 | 14.5 | 14.2 | 13.7 | 14.8 | 15.7 |
| IA | Des Moines | 14.0 | 13.9 | 13.3 | 12.6 | 12.4 | 12.6 | 13.1 | 13.4 | 13.7 | 12.7 | 13.9 | 14.9 |
| KS | Wichita | 13.8 | 13.4 | 12.4 | 12.4 | 13.2 | 12.5 | 11.5 | 11.8 | 12.6 | 12.4 | 13.2 | 13.9 |
| KY | Louisville | 13.7 | 13.3 | 12.6 | 12.0 | 12.8 | 13.0 | 13.3 | 13.7 | 14.1 | 13.3 | 13.5 | 13.9 |
| LA | New Orleans | 14.9 | 14.3 | 14.0 | 14.2 | 14.1 | 14.6 | 15.2 | 15.3 | 14.8 | 14.0 | 14.2 | 15.0 |
| ME | Portland | 13.1 | 12.7 | 12.7 | 12.1 | 12.6 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.4 | 13.9 | 13.8 | 14.0 | 13.5 |
| MA | Boston | 11.8 | 11.6 | 11.9 | 11.7 | 12.2 | 12.1 | 11.9 | 12.5 | 13.1 | 12.8 | 12.6 | 12.2 |
| MI | Detroit | 14.7 | 14.1 | 13.5 | 12.6 | 12.3 | 12.3 | 12.6 | 13.3 | 13.7 | 13.5 | 14.4 | 15.1 |
| MN | Minneapolis-St.Paul | 13.7 | 13.6 | 13.3 | 12.0 | 11.9 | 12.3 | 12.5 | 13.2 | 13.8 | 13.3 | 14.3 | 14.6 |
| MS | Jackson | 15.1 | 14.4 | 13.7 | 13.8 | 14.1 | 13.9 | 14.6 | 14.6 | 14.6 | 14.1 | 14.3 | 14.9 |
| MO | St. Louis | 14.5 | 14.1 | 13.2 | 12.4 | 12.8 | 12.6 | 12.9 | 13.3 | 13.7 | 13.1 | 14.0 | 14.9 |
| MT | Missoula | 16.7 | 15.1 | 12.8 | 11.4 | 11.6 | 11.7 | 10.1 | 9.8 | 11.3 | 12.9 | 16.2 | 17.6 |
| NE | Omaha | 14.0 | 13.8 | 13.0 | 12.1 | 12.6 | 12.9 | 13.3 | 13.8 | 14.0 | 13.0 | 13.9 | 14.8 |
| NV | Las Vegas | 8.5 | 7.7 | 7.0 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.9 | 7.2 | 8.4 |
| NV | Reno | 12.3 | 10.7 | 9.7 | 8.8 | 8.8 | 8.2 | 7.7 | 7.9 | 8.4 | 9.4 | 10.9 | 12.3 |
| NM | Albuquerque | 10.4 | 9.3 | 8.0 | 6.9 | 6.8 | 6.4 | 8.0 | 8.9 | 8.7 | 8.6 | 9.6 | 10.7 |
| NY | New York | 12.2 | 11.9 | 11.5 | 11.0 | 11.5 | 11.8 | 11.8 | 12.4 | 12.6 | 12.3 | 12.5 | 12.3 |
| NC | Raleigh | 12.8 | 12.1 | 12.2 | 11.7 | 13.1 | 13.4 | 13.8 | 14.5 | 14.5 | 13.7 | 12.9 | 12.8 |
| ND | Fargo | 14.2 | 14.6 | 15.2 | 12.9 | 11.9 | 12.9 | 13.2 | 13.2 | 13.7 | 13.5 | 15.2 | 15.2 |
| OH | Cleveland | 14.6 | 14.2 | 13.7 | 12.6 | 12.7 | 12.7 | 12.8 | 13.7 | 13.8 | 13.3 | 13.8 | 14.6 |
| OK | Oklahoma City | 13.2 | 12.9 | 12.2 | 12.1 | 13.4 | 13.1 | 11.7 | 11.8 | 12.9 | 12.3 | 12.8 | 13.2 |
| OR | Pendleton | 15.8 | 14.0 | 11.6 | 10.6 | 9.9 | 9.1 | 7.4 | 7.7 | 8.8 | 11.0 | 14.6 | 16.5 |
| OR | Portland | 16.5 | 15.3 | 14.2 | 13.5 | 13.1 | 12.4 | 11.7 | 11.9 | 12.6 | 15.0 | 16.8 | 17.4 |
| PA | Philadelphia | 12.6 | 11.9 | 11.7 | 11.2 | 11.8 | 11.9 | 12.1 | 12.4 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 12.7 | 12.7 |
| SC | Charleston | 13.3 | 12.6 | 12.5 | 12.4 | 12.8 | 13.5 | 14.1 | 14.6 | 14.5 | 13.7 | 13.2 | 13.2 |
| SD | Sioux Falls | 14.2 | 14.6 | 14.2 | 12.9 | 12.6 | 12.8 | 12.6 | 13.3 | 13.6 | 13.0 | 14.6 | 15.3 |
| TN | Memphis | 13.8 | 13.1 | 12.4 | 12.2 | 12.7 | 12.8 | 13.0 | 13.1 | 13.2 | 12.5 | 12.9 | 13.6 |
| TX | Dallas-Ft.Worth | 13.6 | 13.1 | 12.9 | 13.2 | 13.9 | 13.0 | 11.6 | 11.7 | 12.9 | 12.8 | 13.1 | 13.5 |
| TX | El Paso | 9.6 | 8.2 | 7.0 | 5.8 | 6.1 | 6.3 | 8.3 | 9.1 | 9.3 | 8.8 | 9.0 | 9.8 |
| UT | Salt Lake City | 14.6 | 13.2 | 11.1 | 10.0 | 9.4 | 8.2 | 7.1 | 7.4 | 8.5 | 10.3 | 12.8 | 14.9 |
| VA | Richmond | 13.2 | 12.5 | 12.0 | 11.3 | 12.1 | 12.4 | 13.0 | 13.7 | 13.8 | 13.5 | 12.8 | 13.0 |
| WA | Seattle-Tacoma | 15.6 | 14.6 | 15.4 | 13.7 | 13.0 | 12.7 | 12.2 | 12.5 | 13.5 | 15.3 | 16.3 | 16.5 |
| WI | Madison | 14.5 | 14.3 | 14.1 | 12.8 | 12.5 | 12.8 | 13.4 | 14.4 | 14.9 | 14.1 | 15.2 | 15.7 |
| WV | Charleston | 13.7 | 13.0 | 12.1 | 11.4 | 12.5 | 13.3 | 14.1 | 14.3 | 14.0 | 13.6 | 13.0 | 13.5 |
| WY | Cheyenne | 10.2 | 10.4 | 10.7 | 10.4 | 10.8 | 10.5 | 9.9 | 9.9 | 9.7 | 9.7 | 10.6 | 10.6 |

^aEMC values were determined from the average of 30 or more years of relative humidity and temperature data available from the National Climatic Data Center of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Humidifier Technologies

Isothermic

Electrode and Immersed Element

Direct and Indirect Steam

Gas Fired Steam

Adiabatic

Air / Water Atomizer

Airless Atomizer

“Isothermic”

- Internal Energy Exchange
- Heat added to water prior to being added to air stream
- Air temperature rise is due to heat loss of equipment and not in absorption of moisture.

Isothermic Equipment

Figure 102-1: Steam heated secondary steam boiler

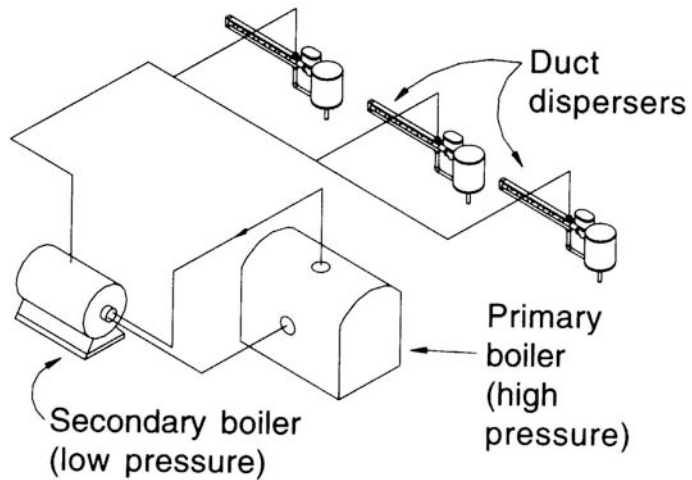


Figure 103-1: Electric heated vapor generator

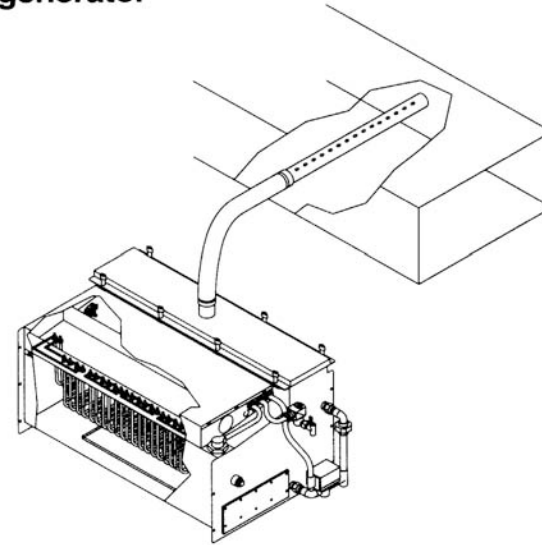
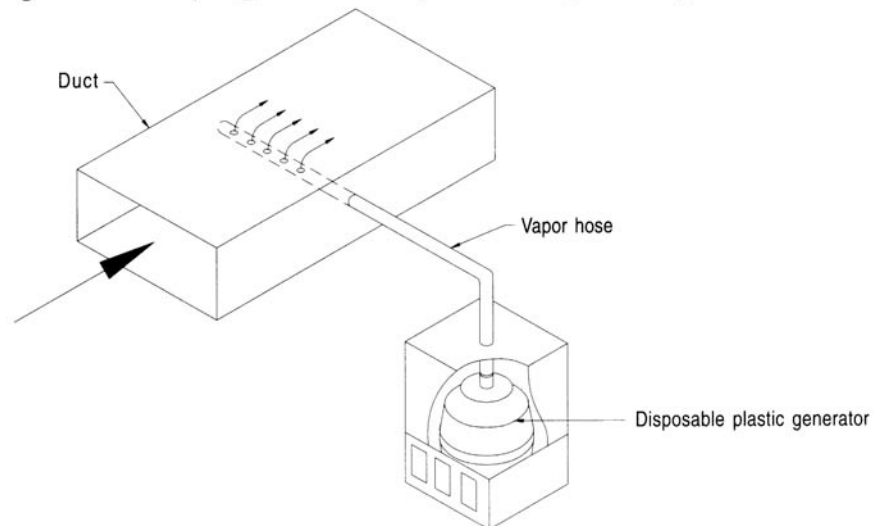


Figure 106-1: Vapor generator - disposable evaporator type

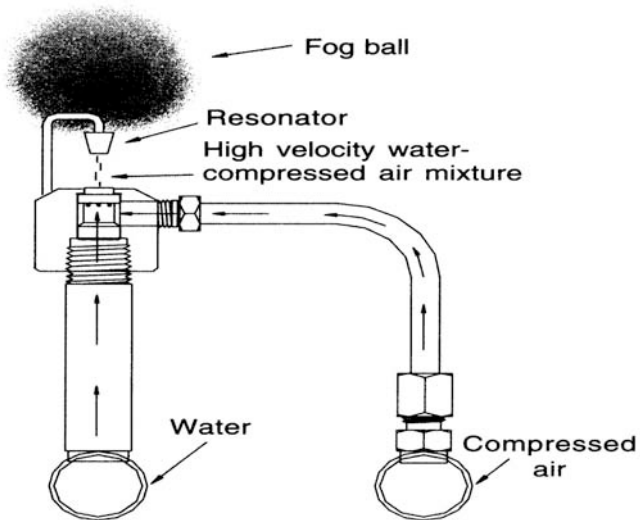


“Adiabatic”

- External Energy Exchange
- Energy for conversion of state from liquid to vapor taken from air stream. Air temperature drops as moisture is added at the rate of ~ 1000 BTUs/lb. of water

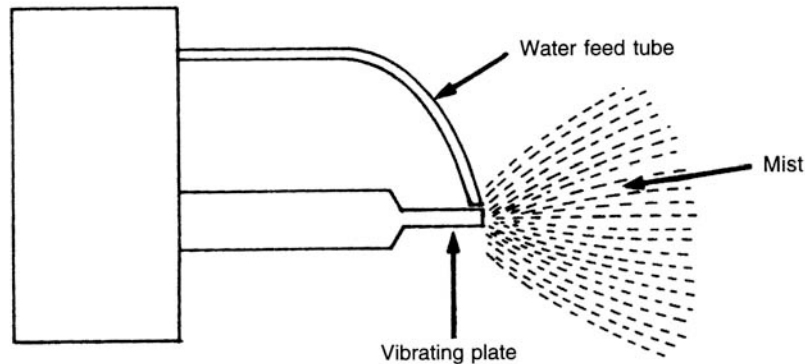
Adiabatic Equipment

Figure 100-1: Compressed air fogger



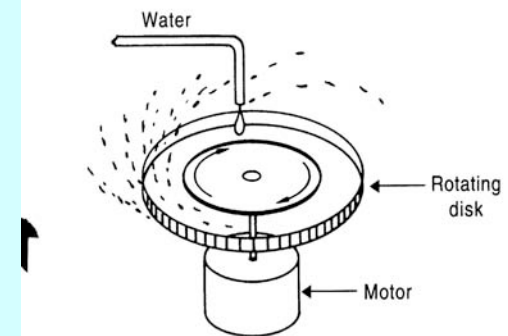
Adiabatic Equipment

Figure 101-2: Ultrasonic humidifier



- Droplet size critical to absorption.
- .3 to 10 micron available. Some equipment can provide only 20 micron and above.
- Not all can modulate output and are on or off.

Figure 99-1: Centrifugal atomizing humidifier



the other hand, they are less expensive than foggers.

How much moisture needs to be added?

(Simplified)

- Dominated by OA Conditions.
- Minimum is around 1 air change per hour. Unoccupied-25 CFM/Person Occupied
- Sq. ft of building times height=Volume in cubic ft
- Cubic ft/60 minutes for Cubic ft/min(CFM)
- Difference in moisture between Temp/RH of outdoor air and indoor desired condition.
- Multiply by CFM/100

Table 71-1: Pounds of moisture per hour per 100 cfm

| Air Temperature | | Percentage of Saturation | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| °C | °F | 30% | 35% | 40% | 45% | 50% | 55% | 60% | 65% | 70% | 80% | 90% | 100% |
| -29 | -20 | .043 | .05 | .057 | .064 | .071 | .078 | .064 | .093 | .099 | .114 | .13 | .14 |
| -23 | -10 | .074 | .085 | .097 | .11 | .121 | .134 | .147 | .159 | .171 | .20 | .22 | .24 |
| -18 | 0 | .121 | .142 | .162 | .184 | .204 | .223 | .245 | .265 | .285 | .33 | .36 | .40 |
| -12 | 10 | .20 | .232 | .266 | .30 | .332 | .364 | .40 | .434 | .465 | .54 | .59 | .66 |
| -7 | 20 | .32 | .374 | .430 | .494 | .535 | .583 | .635 | .695 | .758 | .86 | .96 | 1.05 |
| -1 | 30 | .50 | .585 | .67 | .75 | .84 | .92 | 1.0 | 1.09 | 1.17 | 1.34 | 1.49 | 1.65 |
| 4 | 40 | .74 | .84 | .96 | 1.08 | 1.20 | 1.31 | 1.45 | 1.53 | 1.68 | 1.98 | 2.20 | 2.43 |
| 10 | 50 | 1.05 | 1.24 | 1.40 | 1.58 | 1.76 | 1.93 | 2.12 | 2.30 | 2.46 | 2.83 | 3.16 | 3.49 |
| 13 | 55 | 1.26 | 1.47 | 1.68 | 1.90 | 2.10 | 2.30 | 2.53 | 2.74 | 2.94 | 3.37 | 3.76 | 4.16 |
| 16 | 60 | 1.49 | 1.74 | 1.98 | 2.24 | 2.50 | 2.72 | 2.99 | 3.24 | 3.48 | 4.00 | 4.46 | 4.93 |
| 18 | 65 | 1.75 | 2.04 | 2.32 | 2.63 | 2.92 | 3.20 | 3.50 | 3.80 | 4.06 | 4.73 | 5.27 | 5.82 |
| 20 | 68 | 1.96 | 2.28 | 2.60 | 2.84 | 3.26 | 3.56 | 3.19 | 4.24 | 4.55 | 5.23 | 5.84 | 6.05 |
| 21.1 | 70 | 2.05 | 2.40 | 2.74 | 3.10 | 3.44 | 3.75 | 4.12 | 4.46 | 4.80 | 5.56 | 6.20 | 6.45 |
| 21.7 | 71 | 2.15 | 2.50 | 2.85 | 3.21 | 3.55 | 3.90 | 4.29 | 4.65 | 5.00 | 5.74 | 6.40 | 7.07 |
| 22.2 | 72 | 2.20 | 2.58 | 2.94 | 3.32 | 3.68 | 4.03 | 4.44 | 4.80 | 5.15 | 5.91 | 6.60 | 7.29 |
| 22.8 | 73 | 2.28 | 2.66 | 3.03 | 3.43 | 3.80 | 4.16 | 4.57 | 4.95 | 5.31 | 6.12 | 6.83 | 7.54 |
| 23.3 | 74 | 2.37 | 2.75 | 3.13 | 3.54 | 3.93 | 4.31 | 4.74 | 5.14 | 5.51 | 6.32 | 7.05 | 7.78 |
| 23.9 | 75 | 2.42 | 2.84 | 3.23 | 3.65 | 4.06 | 4.45 | 4.86 | 5.28 | 5.65 | 6.55 | 7.27 | 8.03 |
| 25.0 | 77 | 2.58 | 3.02 | 3.42 | 3.82 | 4.33 | 4.73 | 5.13 | 5.63 | 6.04 | 6.94 | 7.75 | 8.55 |
| 26.7 | 80 | 2.84 | 3.3 | 3.75 | 4.20 | 4.75 | 5.19 | 5.63 | 6.18 | 6.62 | 7.62 | 8.50 | 9.38 |
| 29.4 | 85 | 3.32 | 3.88 | 4.39 | 4.91 | 5.56 | 6.07 | 6.59 | 7.23 | 7.75 | 8.92 | 9.95 | 10.98 |
| 32.2 | 90 | 3.74 | 4.37 | 4.95 | 5.53 | 6.25 | 6.84 | 7.43 | 8.15 | 8.73 | 10.03 | 11.20 | 12.37 |
| 35.0 | 95 | 4.50 | 5.25 | 6.00 | 6.75 | 7.50 | 8.25 | 9.00 | 9.75 | 10.50 | 12.00 | 13.50 | 15.00 |
| 37.8 | 100 | 5.14 | 5.99 | 6.85 | 7.70 | 8.56 | 9.42 | 10.27 | 11.13 | 12.00 | 13.69 | 15.41 | 17.12 |
| 40.6 | 105 | 5.93 | 6.92 | 7.90 | 8.89 | 9.88 | 10.87 | 11.86 | 12.85 | 13.83 | 15.82 | 17.79 | 19.77 |
| 43.3 | 110 | 6.66 | 8.00 | 9.14 | 10.28 | 11.43 | 12.57 | 13.71 | 14.85 | 16.00 | 18.28 | 20.57 | 22.85 |
| 48.9 | 120 | 8.95 | 10.44 | 11.93 | 13.42 | 14.91 | 16.40 | 17.90 | 19.39 | 20.88 | 23.86 | 26.85 | 29.83 |
| 54.4 | 130 | 11.46 | 13.37 | 15.28 | 17.19 | 19.10 | 21.01 | 22.92 | 24.83 | 26.74 | 30.56 | 34.38 | 38.20 |
| 60.0 | 140 | 14.67 | 17.12 | 19.56 | 22.01 | 24.45 | 26.89 | 29.34 | 31.78 | 34.26 | 39.12 | 44.01 | 48.90 |
| 65.6 | 150 | 18.60 | 21.70 | 24.80 | 27.90 | 31.00 | 34.10 | 37.20 | 40.30 | 43.40 | 49.60 | 55.80 | 62.00 |
| 71.1 | 160 | 23.34 | 27.23 | 31.12 | 35.01 | 38.90 | 42.79 | 46.68 | 50.57 | 54.46 | 62.24 | 70.02 | 77.80 |
| 76.7 | 170 | 29.07 | 33.92 | 38.76 | 43.61 | 48.45 | 53.29 | 58.14 | 63.00 | 67.80 | 77.52 | 87.20 | 96.90 |
| 87.8 | 190 | 43.80 | 51.10 | 58.40 | 65.70 | 73.00 | 80.30 | 87.60 | 94.90 | 102.20 | 116.80 | 131.40 | 146.00 |
| 93.3 | 200 | 53.50 | 62.40 | 71.32 | 80.24 | 89.15 | 98.07 | 107.00 | 115.90 | 124.80 | 142.60 | 160.50 | 178.30 |

How much moisture needs to be added?

Examples

- Building -100'X100'X14'=140,000 Cubic Ft.
- $140,000/60=2,333$ CFM
- Outdoor Condition-20 Degrees F@ 70%--.758 lb/100 CFM
- Indoor Desired Condition-70 Degrees F@50%--3.44 lb/100 CFM
- -----Occupied-----
- $3.44-.758=2.68$ lb/100 X $(2,333/100)=62$ lbs/hr
- $280 \text{ people} \times 25 \text{ CFM/person}=7280$ CFM Req.
- $7280/2333=3.12$ $3.12 \times 62=193$ lbs/hr

Cost for energy

- Per Hour
- Energy~1000 BTU/lb. of water X62=62,000 BTUH
- To
- 1000 BTU/lb. of water X193=193,000 BTUH
- Per Day (Times 24)—1,488,000 BTU to 4,632,000 BTU per day.435 kw to 1,356 kw/day
- \$35 to \$110 per day electric.

Added Cost

- Standby losses
- Maintenance
- Space allowance for equipment
- Replacement cost.

Installation Cost

- New Project Cost ~Institutional 100 year Building
- \$150 to \$225/ sq. ft Building not including land.
- Mechanical and Electrical Construction Cost 1/3 to 1/2 the cost With Humidification adding \$1 to \$2 Per Square Foot
- Self Contained in space equipment-\$50/lb per hour capacity on 10 to 200 lb/hour equipment.

Questions... ?

...thank
you !