Dedicated Outdoor Air Systems (DOAS)



Overview

- Review traditional VAV system.
 - (4) major problems.
- How does DOAS solves these problems?
 - Working in parallel with sensible cooling equipment.
- Energy savings potential.
- Building cost savings.
- Greenheck solutions.



Traditional VAV System





VAV Systems Problem #1: Ventilation Air Distribution

- ASHRAE 62
 - Depicts CFM/person requirements.
- Outdoor air & return air mixing.
 - Engineers can't be sure where the ventilation air is distributed.



VAV Systems Problem #1: Ventilation Air Distribution

- Proper ventilation distribution is a function of:
 - VAV box minimum settings.
 - Space sensible loads.
 - Local exhaust & exfiltration.
 - Short circuiting paths.
 - Inter-zonal air transfer.
- Complete knowledge of all functions at design is not possible.
- **BOTTOM LINE**: Engineers cannot defend compliance of ASHRAE 62.



VAV Systems Problem #2: Excess OA Flow & Conditioning

- ASHRAE 62: Multiple spaces equation.
 - Forces each space to have the same percentage of OA as the critical space.

BOTTOM LINE:

- 20-70% more OA is required.



VAV Systems Problem #3: High VAV Minimum Box Settings

- Example:
 - Given;
 - 200 CFM OA required.
 - Supply air is 40%.
 - Proper setting of VAV box.
 - 500 CFM Supply (200 CFM OA/40%)

- BOTTOM LINE:
 - Potential for considerable terminal reheat.



VAV Systems Problem #4: Inability to Decouple Space Sensible & Latent Loads

- Leads to high relative humidity (RH) at low sensible loads.
 - Uncomfortable for employees.
 - Moisture related IAQ problems.
- BOTTOM LINE:
 - System lacks control over humidity.



VAV Systems Bottom Line Summary of Problems

- Engineers cannot defend compliance with ASHRAE 62.
- 20-70% more OA is required.
- Potential for considerable terminal reheat.
- System lacks control over humidity.



DOAS System



DOAS – Single Space Summer Operation





DOAS – Multiple Spaces with VAV





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Building Value in Air.

- Problem #1:
 - Engineers cannot defend compliance with ASHRAE 62.
- Solution:
 - With DOAS, the outdoor air stream is completely separate, allowing precise distribution.



- Problem #2:
 - 20-70% more OA is required.
- Solution:
 - NO additional air is required since the prescribed amount is easily verified.



- Problem #3:
 - Potential for considerable terminal reheat.
- Solution:
 - Terminal reheat is always at the minimum with DOAS since only the prescribed amount of ventilation air is brought to the space (i.e. the least amount of overcooling potential).



- Problem #4:
 - System lacks control over humidity.
- Solution:
 - DOAS decouples the space sensible and latent loads.
 - DOAS handles 100% of latent load and a portion of the sensible load.
 - Combine with a parallel sensible only cooling system.



DOAS Energy Savings

- 1) Reduced OA conditioning.
- 2) Reduced OA fan BHP.
- 3) Reduced space conditioning.
 - Allows the parallel cooling system to have:
 - Higher CW tempers (55°F versus 40-45°F).
 - An increase in COP of the A/C compressor.
- 4) VAV is ideal and allows the space conditioned airflow rate to vary in proportion to the net load.
- 5) Energy recovery is readily incorporated and can reduce OA conditioning costs by up to 75%.



DOAS Building Cost Savings

- Reduced chiller (or DX) tonnage.
- Reduced condenser water pump capacity.
- Reduced ductwork size & reduced floor height.
- Smaller air distribution plenums and terminal boxes.
- Air handler size reduction.
- Reduced electrical service.
- Less "rentable" space consumed by equipment.



DOAS Summary

- Potential exists for DOAS implementation with no first cost penalty.
- Energy cost savings.
- Greatly improved humidity control.
- Improved occupant productivity.
- Continued savings.



So, what does Greenheck have to offer for DOAS?



RV/E Solution Rooftop Ventilator (w/ Energy Recovery)



- 800 to 13,500 CFM
- Wheel preconditions outdoor air.
- Cooling coil provides final dehumidification.
- Heating coil tempers air for comfort.



ERCH Solution Energy Recovery w/ Cooling & Heating



- 1,000 to 10,000 CFM
- Wheel preconditions outdoor air.
- Cooling coil provides final dehumidification.
- Heating coil tempers air for comfort.



RV/E & ERCH Solution





ERT Solution



- 2,000 to 10,000 CFM
- Wheel preconditions outdoor air.
- Wrap around heat pipe & cooling coil provide final dehumidification and reheat.



ERT Solution





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