# Valent – DOAS Solutions

#### **Efficiency, Refrigeration & Codes**





# Introductions





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### **Presentation Outline**



- DOAS Definition & Challenges
- Valent Product Overview
- DOAS Design Considerations
  - Capacity Control
  - Dehumidification
  - Efficiency
- DX Cooling Efficiency Codes in Ontario



### **DOAS Definition - AHRI**



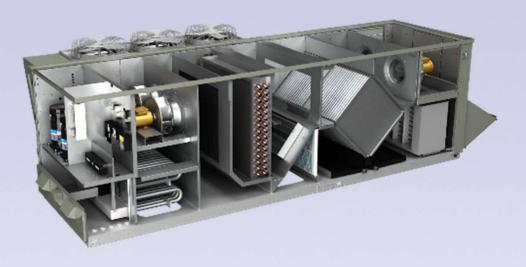
"A type of air-cooled, water-cooled, or water source factory assembled product which dehumidifies 100% outdoor air to a low dew point, and includes reheat that is capable of controlling the supply dry-bulb temperature..."

AHRI Standard 920 (I-P)

2020 Standard for Performance Rating of Direct Expansion-Dedicated Outdoor Air System Units







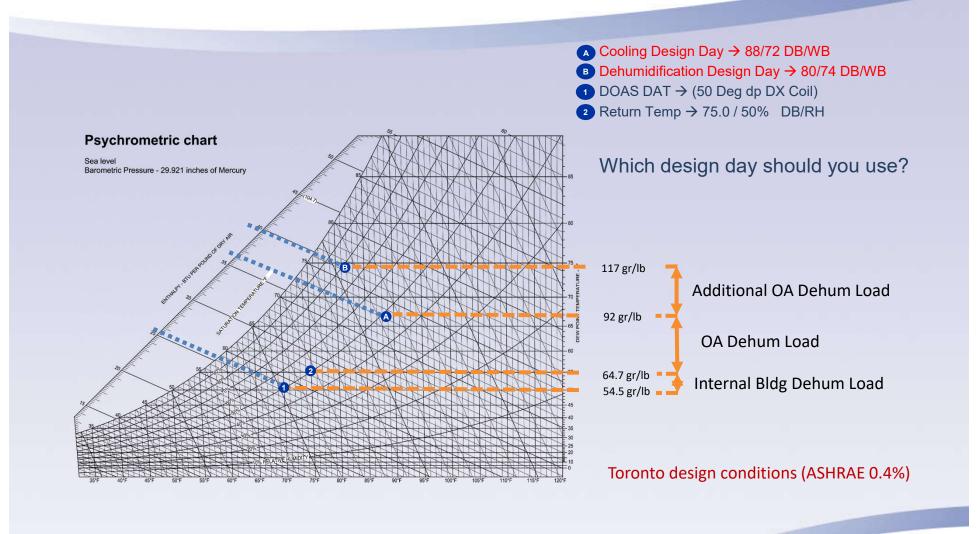
**Challenges and Considerations** 

# DESIGNING DEDICATED OUTDOOR AIR SYSTEMS



# **DOAS Design**

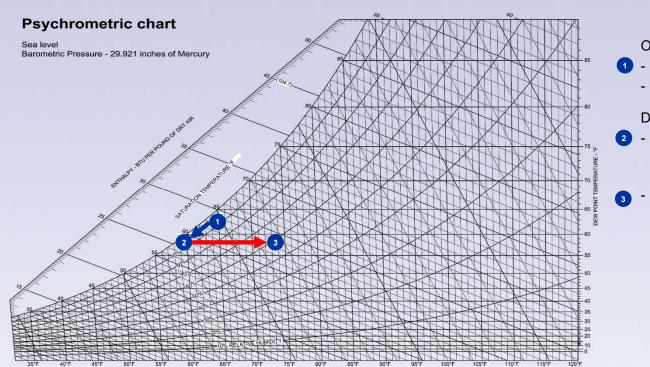








# **DOAS Operation – Off Peak**



- **Outside Air Conditions**
- 65 / 90% DB / RH%
- Summer Morning

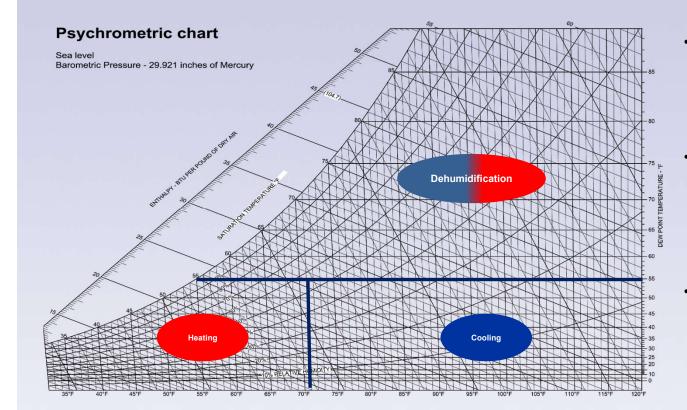
#### **Dehumidification Mode**

- DX Coil Set Point: 58 Degrees
  - Likely need modulating cooling source to avoid overcooling
  - Reheat Set Point: 72 Degrees
    - Do you have enough HGRH available?
    - If critical, want another heating source



# **DOAS – Mode Selection**





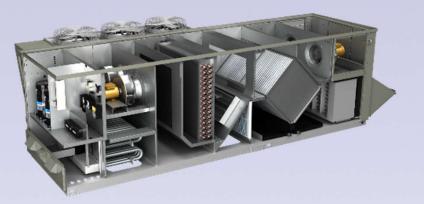
- Typical Modes:
  - Cooling (> 72 degrees)
  - Heating (< 72 degrees)</li>
  - Dehum ( > 55 dew point)
- Determine Mode Based on:
  - Outside Conditions
  - Return Air / Space Conditions
  - Combination of above
- Application Considerations:
  - Air Changes
  - Internal Loads





# **How are DOAS Units Different?**

- Separate modes of operation
- Coils with large surface areas and sufficient depth
- Large heating capacities
- Robust control sequences
- Modulating Components
- High R-value, thermally broken casing
- Integral energy recovery





# **DOAS Design Take-Aways**



- Important to consider dehumidification design conditions
- Spaces require appropriate temperature and humidity levels
- The range of incoming air conditions a DOAS unit sees is extreme
- DOAS = Separate cooling and dehumidification modes



# **Valent - Product Overview**



- Airflow Range
  - 500 18,000 CFM
- Cooling Range
  - 4-70 tons (down to 50F)
    - Packaged or Split DX
      - WSHP and ASHP
      - CW

#### Heating Range

- 100 1200 MBH (Up to 100F rise)
- Gas
- Electric
- HW
- Temperator (Hybrid Gas & Electric)
- 100% Outdoor Air and/or Recirc
- With or without energy recovery







### **ERV Options**

#### **Three types**

- <u>Full-size</u> polymer segmented wheel
  - Options: Bypass, Aluminum
- Sensible plate
  - Bypass
- Enthalpic Core
  - Bypass









# **Integrated Controls Platform**

- Powerful microprocessor controls system (Carel)
- Standard features
  - Internal time-clock
  - Temperature control sequences
  - Web-based communication (Web-UI)
- Optional features
  - Communication (BACnet MSTP, BACnet IP, LonTalk)
  - Secondary sequences (VAV, pressurization, demand control)









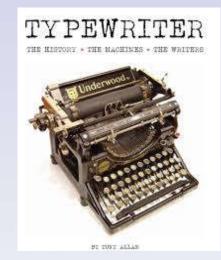
## Lets talk about refrigeration

What they do ...

- Digital scroll (STANDARD)
- Inverter scroll
- Hot gas reheat
- Active head pressure control
  - AHP1.0 vs. AHP2.0

#### What they DON'T do ...

- Hot gas bypass
- Evaporator coil bypass







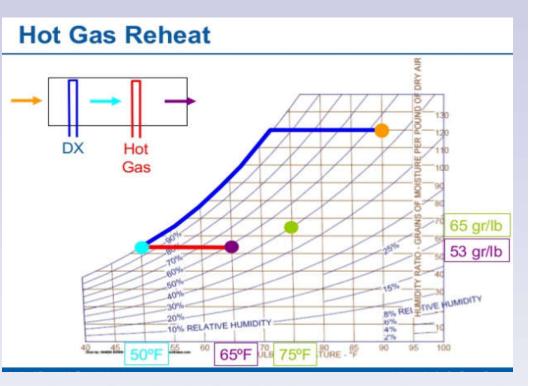
# DEHUMIDIFICATION





#### **Hot Gas Reheat**

- Reheat dehumidified air to avoid overcooling the space
- Recycles energy from the compressor (no supplementary heat)
- Effective dew point control





### **Refrigeration Systems - AC**

- Separated HGRH and evaporator coil
  - Allow for accurate measurement of evaporator leaving air temperatures
  - Support indoor air quality by providing complete access to coil for cleaning
  - Prevent evaporation of condensate







Managing part loads effectively

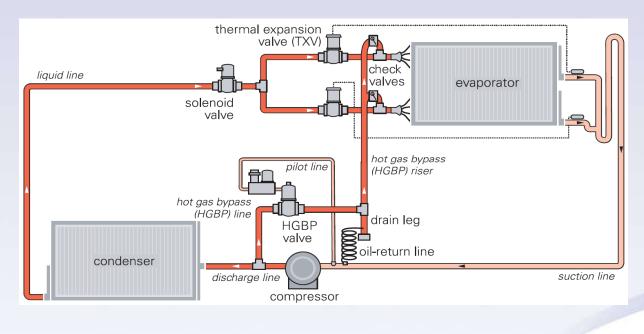
# **CAPACITY CONTROL**



#### **Hot Gas Bypass**



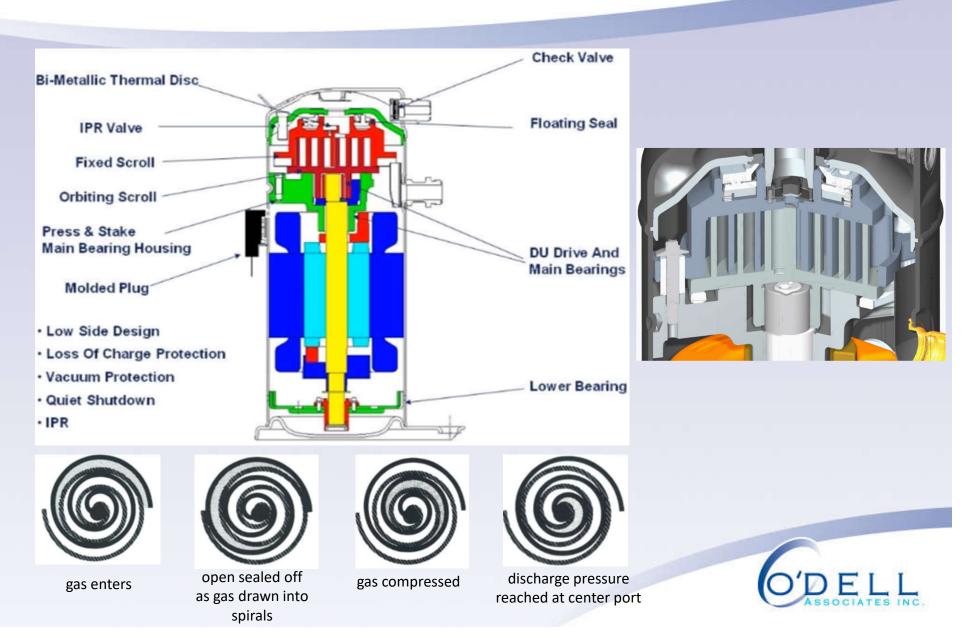
- "Mature Technology" used prior to the widespread use of modulating compressors.
- Allows hot, gaseous refrigerant to bypass the condenser to falsely load the system at low load conditions.
- Greatly reduces operating efficiency because the bypassed vapor is not able to reject heat. This allows the refrigeration capacity to modulate, but not in an efficient way.







# **Scroll Compressor Basics**





# **Digital vs. Inverter Scroll**

### **Digital Scroll**

- Continuous rotor speed
- Capacity control (10-100%)
- Modulation achieved by separating the scrolls by 1mm
- ~30% energy savings
- All voltages
- Loud



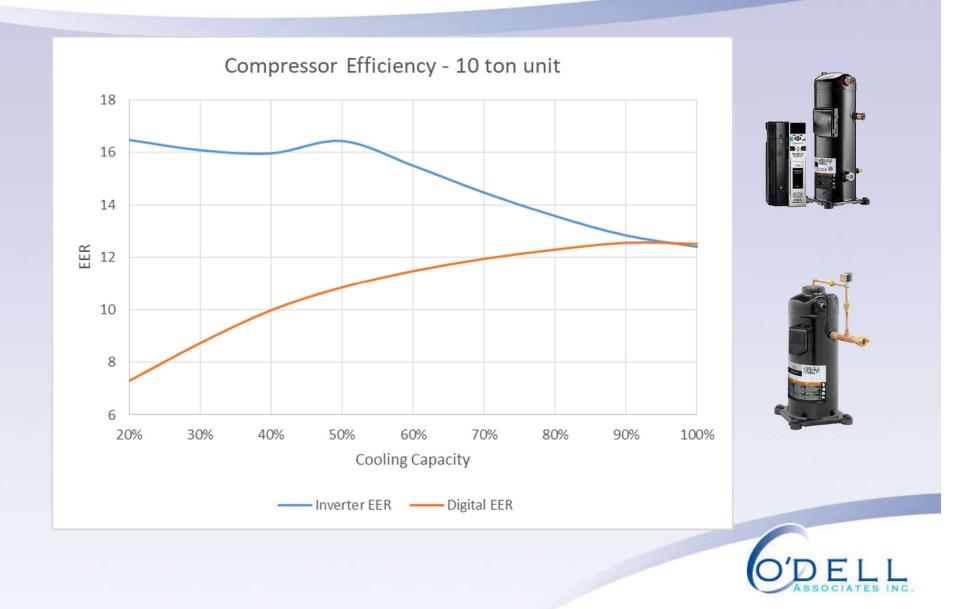
## **Inverter Scroll**

- Variable rotor speed
- Capacity control (33-100%)
- Modulation achieved by adjusting the scrolling frequency
- >50% energy savings
- 208/3 or 460/3 only





### Compressors





**Beyond Compressors** 







#### **Condensing fans**

#### Design

 Low-sound swept-blade design is 8-12 dB quieter than a "standard" fan

#### **Improved Head Pressure Control**

- One EC fan modulates
- All EC fans modulate









#### **Head Pressure Control Options**

- Standard Head Pressure Control
  - Condensing fans enable and disable via fixed pressure switches
  - Benefits
    - Simple
    - Least expensive
  - Drawbacks
    - Limits reheat capacity in part-load operation
    - Loud (one fan always at full speed)





#### **Head Pressure Control Options**

- Active Head Pressure Control 1.0
  - Single fan modulates via EC motor, fixed stages enable as needed
  - Benefits
    - Accurate control to a specific head pressure
    - Sound reduction at part load
  - Drawbacks
    - Sound reduction forgone when fixed fan enables





#### **Head Pressure Control Options**

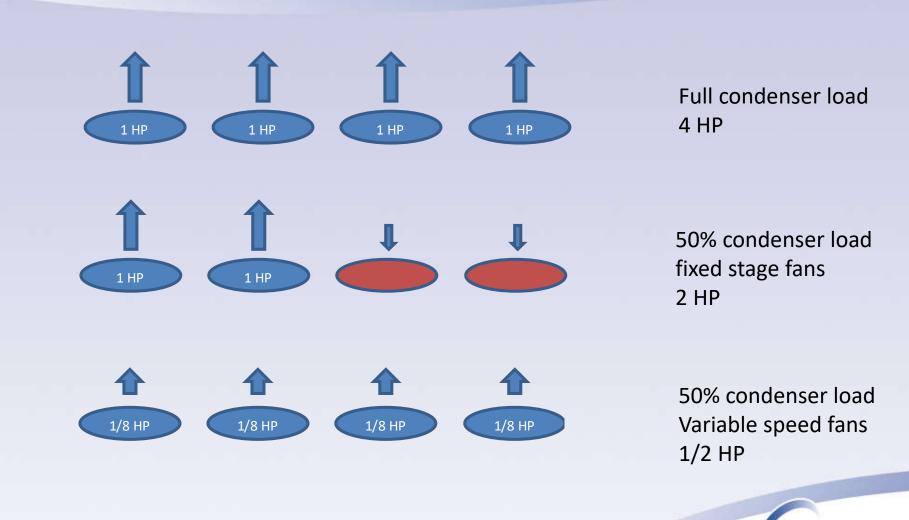
- Active Head Pressure Control 2.0
  - Entire bank of modulating EC-driven fans
  - Benefits
    - Lower part load-sound
    - Increased condenser efficiency







#### **Head Pressure Control - Example**







### **Efficiency & codes!**

#### • NRCAN

- Sets federal energy efficiency regulations in absence of provincial direction

#### Ontario Electricity Act, 1998 (Amended July 1, 2019)

#### Ontario Regulation 509/18: Energy & Water Efficiency, Appliances & Products

- Schedule 4: Air Conditioning & Related Equipment
- ii. Testing standard: CAN/CSA C746-17, Performance Standard for Rating Large and Single Packaged Vertical Air-Conditioners and Heat Pumps; with respect to the integrated energy efficiency ratio (IEER), ANSI/AHRI 340/360-2007, Performance Rating of Commercial and Industrial Unitary Air-Conditioning and Heat Pump Equipment. For air cooled air conditioners and heat pumps, U.S. DOE Code of Federal Regulations Part 431, Subpart F, §431.96 Uniform test method for the measurement of energy efficiency of commercial air conditioners and heat pumps may also be used, where applicable.







#### **Consistent Efficiency Standards!**

#### **ASHRAE 90.1-2016**

#### • O.Reg 509/18, DOE 431.96 & C746-17 are consistent

TABLE 1					
LARGE UNITARY AIR CONDITIONERS					
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6
Item	Sub-type	Heating type	Cooling capacity	EER	IEER
1.	Air-cooled	A	$\geq$ 19 kW and <40 kW	11.2	12.9
2.	Air-cooled	A	$\geq$ 40 kW and <70 kW	11.0	12.4
3.	Air-cooled	A	$\geq$ 70 kW and <223 kW	10.0	11.6
4.	Air-cooled	В	$\geq$ 19 kW and <40 kW	11.0	12.7
5.	Air-cooled	В	$\geq$ 40 kW and <70 kW	10.8	12.2
6.	Air-cooled	В	≥70 kW and <223 kW	9.8	11.4

\* Note: For the purposes of Column 3, "A" means either no heating section or an electric heating section and "B" means a heating section other than an electric heating section. |

#### Testing Standards: CAN CSA C746-17 or DOE Part 431.96





### **Reference Testing Standards**

Large Air Conditioners (65-760 MBH)

**C746-17**: Performance standard for rating large and single packaged vertical *air conditioners* and *heat pumps* 

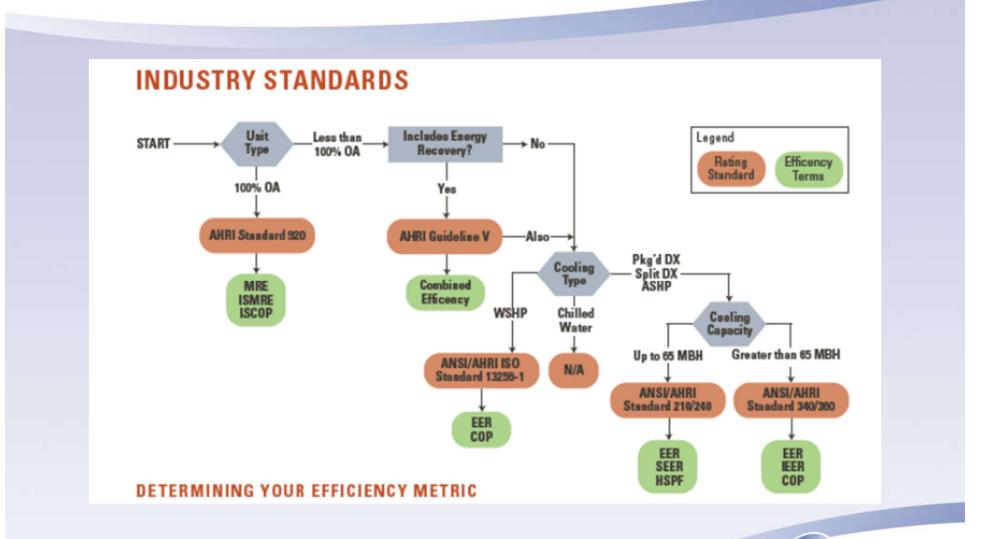
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 Table 1 – Test Procedures for Commercial Air Conditioners & Heat Pumps





### **Valent Testing Standards**







## **Valent Compliance**

- DOE Compliance to AHRI 210/240

   Air-cooled < 5 tons</li>
- DOE compliance to AHRI 340/360
  - Air cooled 5 63 tons
- DOE compliance to ISO 13256
   WSHP < 11 tons</li>





## **DOAS Equipment**



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Subject: Dedicated Outdoor Air Systems (DOAS) and Performance Testing

Dear Mr.

The CSA C746 standard is the Performance Standard for Rating Large and Single Packaged Vertical Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps. This standard defines a commercial and industrial unitary air conditioner or heat pump as;

A factory-made assembly that normally includes an indoor conditioning coll, an air-moving device, one or more compressors, and one or more outdoor coils. In the case of an air conditioner, it can include a heating function in addition to the cooling function. In the case of a heat pump, it can include a cooling function in addition to the heating function.

#### 100% outside air is not covered under AHRI 340/360 or CSA C746

#### AHRI 920 is applicable

By definition equipment that operates at 100% outside air is considered a DOAS unit and is not covered under AHRI 340/360 or CSA C746. At this time AHRI doesn't have a program for this product, nor is there a lab available capable of achieving the conditions specified in the AHRI 920 standard.

In contrast, the AHRI standard that applies specifically to DOAS is AHRI Standard 920 the Performance Rating of DX-Dedicated Outdoor Air System Units. The scope of this standard specifically states that it excludes products covered under ANSI/AHRI Standard 210/240, ANSI/AHRI Standard 340/360, and ANSI/AHRI/ASHRAE ISO Standard 13256-1. The standard defines a DOAS as follows;

DX-Dedicated Outdoor Air System Units (DX-DOAS Units): A type of air-cooled, water-cooled, or water source factory assembled product which dehumidifies 100% Outdoor Air to a low dew point, and includes reheat that is capable of controlling the supply drybub temperature of the dehumidified air to the designed supply air temperature. This conditioned outdoor air is than delivered directly or indirectly to the Conditioned Space(s). It may pre-condition Outdoor Air by containing an enthalpy wheel, sensible wheel, desiccant wheel, plate heat exchanger, heat tippes, or other heat or mass transfer apparatus.

Note: DX-DOAS Units can operate in combination with a separate sensible cooling system to satisfy the entire building humidity load. The system is sized to maintain a prescribed ventilation rate under any load condition. The ventilation rate can be constant or varied based on the building operation or occupancy schedule or in response to the actual occupancy. It may pre-condition Outdoor Air by incorporating an enthalpy wheel, sensible wheel, desiccant wheel, plate heat exchanger, heat pipes or other heat or mass transfer apparatus. It shall reheat the ventilation are by containing a reheat refigerant circuit, sensible wheel, heat pipe, or other heat or mass transfer apparatus. Cooling components may include chiled water coils. Heating components are optional and may include electrical resistance, steam, hot water, or gas heat. In addition, it may provide for air cleaning

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Currently labs not capable of performing test



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#### **Webinar Take-aways**



- DOAS present unique loads
- Valent is a robust, feature rich air handling solution
  - Efficient
  - Effective temperature AND humidity control
  - Configurable
- CSA C746 & DOE 431.96 are both applicable efficiency standards





# **Testing?**











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# **Refrigeration Systems**



- Scroll Compressor Basics
- Part Load / Modulation Techniques:
  - Compressor Technologies
    - Multiple Stages
    - Hot Gas Bypass
    - Digital scroll compressors
    - Inverter scroll compressors
  - Head pressure control





### **DOAS Definition - ASHRAE**



"A dedicated outdoor air system (DOAS) uses separate equipment to condition all of the outdoor air brought into a building for ventilation... and delivers it to each occupied space, either directly or in conjunction with local or central HVAC units serving those same spaces."







### What about installation?

- Good solutions go beyond product features
- Quality products should:
  - Be readily available
  - Ship on time
  - Be easy to install
  - Work well
  - Be easy to maintain





### **Simple Start Ups**

### Extensive factory testing and pre-configured controls make start up as easy as:

- 1. Inspect
- 2. Enable
- 3. Adjust

CIRCUIT A

CIRCUIT A (100% REHEAT)

В

CIRCUIT RATED A

**CIRCUIT A** 

EXTRA P/N QTY

OPERATING TEMPERATURES AND PRESSURES

DISCHARGE PRESSUR HIGH GAGE TEMPERATUR

HIGH PIPE TEMPERATURE SUBCOOLING

LIQUID PRESSURE

LOW GAGE TEMPERATUR

SUPERHEAT

SIGHTGLAS

COIL TEMPERATURE

OUTDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE SUPPLY TEMPERATURE TOTAL REFRIGERANT CHARG COMPRESSOR AMPS

> SUBCOOLING SIGHTGLASS OUTDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE SUPPLY TEMPERATURE

RUN UNIT IN AUTO FOR 5 MIN: NO ALARMS

FILTERS IN PLACE

FILTER HOLDERS IN PLACE

EXTRA FILTERS IN UNIT - Part #s and quantity below

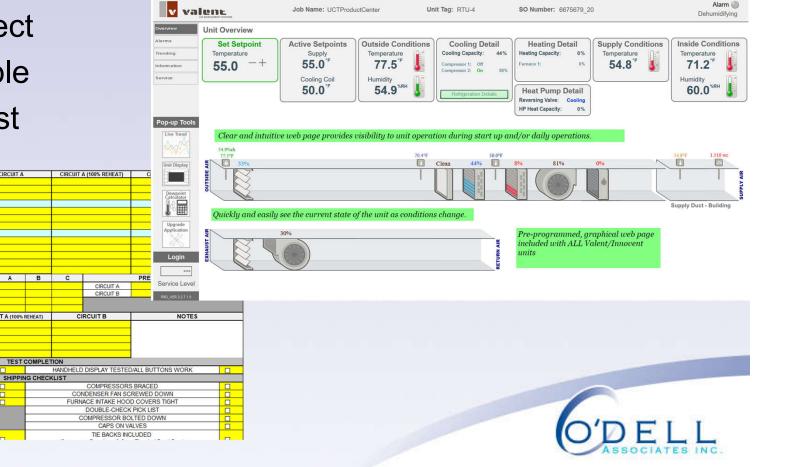
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QTY

COMPRESSOR 2

COMPRESSOR 3 COMPRESSOR ( HEAT PUMP HEATING MODE

EXTRA P/N



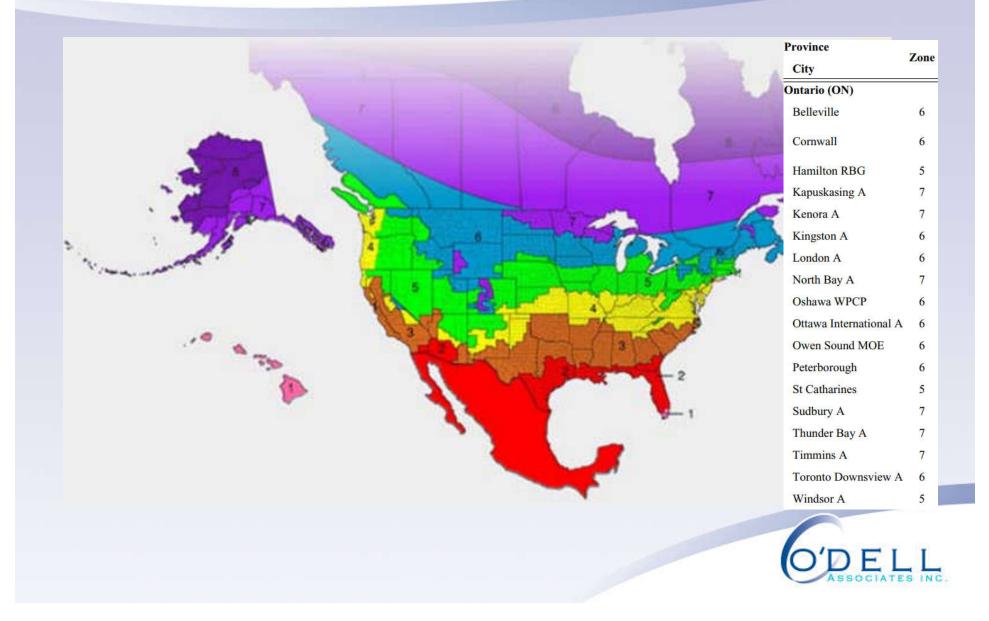


### **Short Lead Times**

- Normal lead times are 6 weeks
  - COVID is impacting this right now
- Quick-build options can shorten lead times
- Our goal is to deliver Valent when you need it
- 98% on-time shipment in 2019



# **ASHRAE 90.1 Requirements**



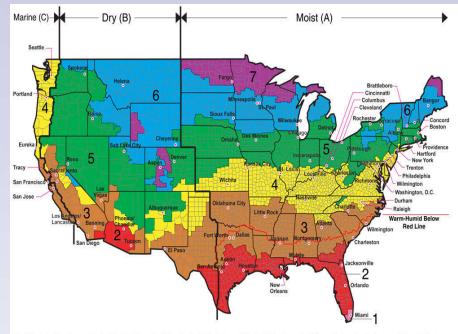


### **Exemptions to 90.1**

- Lab exhaust
- Spaces that are not cooled and not heated to more than 60°F.
- Systems exhausting toxic, flammable, paint, corrosive fumes or dust
- When 60% of the outdoor air heating is provided from siterecovered or site-solar energy
- Commercial kitchen exhaust
- Systems operating <20 hrs/week at OA percentage covered by table 6.5.6.1



## **ASHRAE 90.1 Requirements**



All of Alaska in Zone 7 except for the following Boroughs in Zone 8: Bethel, Dellingham, Fairbanks, N. Star, Nome North Slope, Northwest Arctic, Southeast Fairbanks, Wade Hampton, and Yukon-Koyukuk

Zone 1 includes: Hawaii, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands

#### 6.5.6.1 Exhaust Air Energy Recovery.

An energy recovery system is required when the system's supply airflow exceeds the value listed in Table 6.5.6.1 based on **climate zone** and **percentage of** *outdoor air* **flow rate** at design conditions.

Energy recovery systems required (by table 6.5.6.1) shall have at least **50% recovery effectiveness**. (This) shall mean a **change in the enthalpy** of the *outdoor air* supply equal to 50% of the difference between the *outdoor air* and return air enthalpies at design conditions.

Zone	% Outdoor Air at Full Design Airflow Rate							
	≥30% and >40%	≥40% and >50%	≥50% and >60%	≥60% and >70%	≥70% and >80%	≥80%		
	Design Supply Fan Airflow Rate (cfm)							
3B, 3C, 4B, 4C, 5B	NR	NR	NR	NR	≥5,000	≥5,000		
18, 28, 5C	NR	NR	≥26,000	≥12,000	≥5,000	≥4,000		
6B	≥5,500	≥4,500	≥4,500	≥3,500	≥2,500	≥1,500		
1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, 6A	≥5,500	≥4,500	≥3,500	≥2,000	≥1,000	≥0		
7,8	≥2,500	≥1,000	≥0	≥0	≥0	≥0		

#### Zone 4A - Requirements:

- Energy Recovery on many system applications
- Minimum energy recovery Efficiency requirements





### **Exemptions to 90.1**

- Lab Exhaust (meeting 6.5.7.2)
- Spaces that are not cooled and not heated to more than 60 deg F
- Systems exhausting toxic, flammable, paint, corrosive fumes or dust
- When 60% of the outdoor air heating is provided from site-recovered or site-solar energy
- Systems operating less than 20 hrs per week at the outdoor air percentage covered by table 6.5.6.1





# Valent Designed for DOAS Applications





# Casing



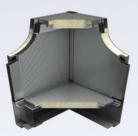
### **Construction**

- Standard: 2" R13 double-wall construction (walls, doors, and roof!)
- Option: Aluminum or Stainless Steel
   Interior



# Duct flexibility

- Bottom or side standard
- Option: Top







## **Casing Size Overview**

		VX, VXE CASING				VPR, VPRX, VPRE, VPRP, VPRC CASING					
		112	212	311	352	V10	110	210	310	352	
AIRFLOW	<b>Minimum</b> <sup>a</sup> (cfm)	800	2,250	4,000	3,900	550	645	1,290	3,225	3,900	
	<b>Maximum</b> <sup>a</sup> (cfm)	5,750	9,500	13,500	18,000	3,000	4,300	8,000	12,100	18,000	
	Packaged, air cooled	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	
		5	15	25	30	4	5	10	25	30	
		7.5	17.5	30	40	5	8	13	30	40	
		10	20	35	50	6	10	16	35	50	
		12.5	25	45	60	7		18	40	60	
		15	30		70		_	20		70	
			_			_	_	25		_	
INDIRECT GAS FURNACE	Minimum (MBh)	100	300	200	600	75	100	200	400	600	
	Maximum (MBh)	300	500	800	1,200	200	200	400	800	1,200	
	Turndown (NG)	Up to 16:1	Up to 16:1	Up to 16:1	Up to 10:1	Up to 10:1	Up to 10:1	Up to 10:1	Up to 10:1	Up to 10:1	
	Turndown (LP)	Up to 16:1	Up to 16:1	Up to 16:1	Up to 6:1	Up to 6:1	Up to 6:1	Up to 6:1	Up to 6:1	Up to <mark>6</mark> :1	





# **Types of Heating**

- Air-source heat pump
- Water-source heat pump
- Hydronic HW or Steam
- Electric heat
  - SCR controlled modulating
- Indirect gas furnace
  - 4:1 or 10:1 modulating turndown (15:1 in 350 casing)
  - 409 SS tubes standard
- Temperator (hybrid)





# **Types of Cooling**

- Air-cooled DX Packaged and Split
  - Packaged: 4 to 70 tons
  - Split Condenser: to 5 to 40 tons
- Water-source heat pump
  - 5 to 60 tons
- Air-source heat pump
  - 5 to 25 tons
- Chilled water
  - 5 to 60 tons

