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TYPICAL PAYBACK 2 YEARS

HVAC PRODUCT & DESIGN GUIDE

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ACT'S ENERGY RECOVERY SOLUTIONS OFFER
ZERO CROSS-AIR CONTAMINATION

Great customer service support from top down, from inside applications engineer to regional sales manager, and great product offerings.

ACT ENERGY RECOVERY TYPES

HVAC HEAT PIPE OPERATING PRINCIPLE

Heat pipes function by absorbing heat at the evaporator end of the cylinder, boiling and converting the fluid to vapor. The vapor travels to the condenser end, rejects the heat, and condenses to liquid. The condensed liquid flows back to the evaporator, aided by gravity. During installation, the evaporator must always be lower than the condenser.



The phase change cycle continues as long as there is heat (warm outside air) at the evaporator end of the heat pipe. This heat transfer process occurs passively (no external electrical energy input required). The condensed liquid flows back to the evaporator, aided by gravity (thermosyphon). The phase change of heat pipes in HVAC systems transfers thousands of BTUs with virtually zero thermal resistance.

ACT ENERGY RECOVERY TYPES



AIR-TO-AIR HEAT PIPE HEAT EXCHANGER (HP-AAHX)



WRAP-AROUND HEAT PIPE HEAT EXCHANGER (HP-WAHX)

APPLICATION SPOTLIGHT



AIR-TO-AIR HEAT PIPE HEAT EXCHANGERS (HP-AAHX)

IDEAL APPLICATIONS

Where there is a ducted exhaust stream, especially when no cross-air contamination is required.

Hospitals & Healthcare Facilities Universities Condos/Hotels/Multi-Story Buildings Government Facilities Labs

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Manufacturing Plants Theaters Fitness Centers Food & Restaurant Facilities

BENEFITS

- Energy Savings: Payback periods generally 18-24 months
- No Cross Contamination of Airstreams
- Passive System Options
 - No maintenance
 - No moving parts
- Configuration
 - Any height or length (not round)
 - Splittable
 - Exhaust and supply can be different lengths and CFMs
 - Only 2" to 15" in depth, requiring minimal AHU space



FEATURES

• 1/2" rifled copper tubes for enhanced thermal performance

EFFECTIVENESS

- Aluminum fins (8-14 Fpi)
- Galvanized steel casing
- Factory installation, field installation or AHU manufacturer installation
- R-134a or R410A standard with other refrigerant types possible
- Up to 10 rows for significant heat transfer

OPTIONS

- •Up to 1" diameter coil tubes (copper or aluminum)
- Stainless steel casing
- Aluminum or copper fins
- Controllable
- •Corrosion coating (E-Coat or Heresite)
- •Tilt option for summer/winter energy capture
- Pumped systems for vertical installation



HOW DDES PASSIVE AAHX ENERGY RECOVERY WORK?

AAHX is a heat exchanger that uses a series of heat pipes to transfer energy between the outgoing exhaust air stream and the incoming air stream. The cool (summer) or warm (winter) air leaving the building is used to pre-cool or pre-heat the incoming outside air.



HP-AAHX SELECTION TOOL



EXAMPLE OF POTENTIAL ENERGY SAVINGS

Pre-cool and pre-heat with up to 75% effectiveness

 During summer operation with 75° exhaust air, the HP-AAHX can pre-cool entering 95° outside air down to 80°, saving on cooling tonnage load capacity

• During winter operation with 70° exhaust air, the HP-AAHX can pre-heat entering 0° outside air up to 52°, saving on heating costs

HP-AAHX CONFIGURATIONS

HP-AAHX can be oriented to match the AHU or duct work aspect ratio.



PIPE TO PIPE CONNECTION: EVERY ROW EVERY PIPE

- Any Coil Dimensions
- Max 37.5" Fin Height
- Stackable
- Controllable



SPLIT LOOP THERMOSYPHON: 2 PIPES PER ROW

- Any Length Coil
- Max 37.5" Fin Height
- Stackable
- Controllable

The Pump-Assisted Split Loop Thermosyphon (SLT) Heat Exchanger offers the highest levels of energy recovery and cost savings year-round for split airstreams, enabling installation into applications without side-by-side ducting. The pump-assisted, split loop design provides unprecedented installation flexibility. Estimations show possible annual operational savings in the \$100's of thousands while keeping incoming air clean!

PUMP-ASSISTED SPLIT LOOP THERMOSYPHON AAHX

- Compatible with large systems or long distances
- Energy efficient
- Optional temperature control (without the need for bypass dampers)
- Compact packaging
- Design flexibility
- High reliability, low maintenance needs
- Controllable performance

AHREXPO INNOVATION AWARDS 2021 WINNER

If a completely passive solution is not possible for all-season recovery, then this solution offers the next best thing!

PUMP-ASSISTED SPLIT LOOP ENERGY RECOVERY HEAT EXCHANGER



PUMP ASSISTED AIR-TO-AIR HEAT PIPE HEAT EXCHANGERS (HP-AAHX)

PUMP ASSISTED AIR-TO-AIR HEAT PIPE HEAT EXCHANGER

This Pump Assisted AAHX recovers energy from either the exhaust or supply air stream during all seasons, allowing AHUs to consume less energy. Combining traditional air-to-air heat pipe technology and pumped two-phase systems takes advantage of both operational modes. It's the combination of passive operation for at least half of the year and very minimal energy consumption during active operation for the other half of the year that enables such high overall energy recovery from this product.

PUMP ASSISTED AAHX PERFORMANCE & PAYBACK:

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY INSTALLATION CASE STUDY

SPECIFICATIONS USING BETHLEHEM, PA WEATHER DATA

- Natural gas heating: \$0.05/kWh
- Electric costs: \$0.12/k ENERGY RECOVERY UNIT
- Cooling COP: 3

EXPECTED PAYBACK PERIOD



TOTAL OPERATING COST SAVINGS OF \$78,215/YEAR

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

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- Retro-fit To Replace Energy Wheel
- Payback Estimated At 2 Years
- Provided a Low Maintenance Solution

FREE ONLINE TOOLS





-EASY TO USE -NO PASSWORD REQUIRED

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IDEAL APPLICATIONS

Dedicated outside air facilities with >70% outside air and areas with high-variable heat loads such as:

Hospitals & Healthcare Facilities Universities Condos/Hotels/Multi-Story Buildings Government Facilities Labs Manufacturing Plants Theaters Fitness Centers Food & Restaurant Facilities

BENEFITS

Energy Savings

- Free pre-cooling (lower tonnage AHU systems)
- Free re-heat (no electric, steam or hot water cost)
- Passive System
 - No maintenance
 - No moving parts (except for control valves when applied)
- Enhanced Dehumidification
 - Lower entering air conditions (ex: 95° to 85°)
 - Lower cooling coil discharge temperature
- Neutral Air Discharge (free re-heat)
- Conforms to UL Standard 207 for heat pipe based HVAC system
- Lower static pressure vs. other energy recovery systems





- 1/2" rifled copper tubes for enhanced thermal performance
- Aluminum fins (8-14 Fpi)
- Galvanized steel casing
- Factory installation, field installation or AHU manufacturer installation
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- Up to 10 Rows

OPTIONS

- Up to 1" diameter coil tubes (copper or aluminum)
- Stainless steel casing
- •Aluminum or copper fins
- Controllable (active or passive)
- Corrosion coating (E-Coat or Heresite)



HOW DDES HP-WAHX WORK?

In order to condition air in hot, humid environments, the AHU must reduce its temperature well below room temperature to remove all moisture and then reheat the air to a comfortable temperature. A WAHX is comprised of two coils connected by integrated heat pipes that "wrap" around the active cooling coil. The initial pre-cool coil collects heat, pre-cooling the air. The heat pipes passively transport heat around the active cooling coil to the second reheat coil which raises the temperature coming off the cooling coil. Energy dollars are saved in the precool dehumidification and reheat stages.





HP-WAHX SELECTION TOOL

Every HP -WAHX is custom engineered for each project to yield the best ratio of cost versus performance. Typical system payback is under two years.

OUTSIDE AIR		HEAT PIPE PRE-COOL	COOLING COIL		Supply Air Heat Pipe Re-Heat	
102° / 77.8°	20.2°	81.8° / 72.4°	52.5° / 52.4°	20.6°	72.6° / 60.3°	
92° / 75.9°	16.1°	75.9° / 71.5°	52.5° / 52.4°	16.5°	68.5° / 58.8°	Example:
82° / 77.8°	12.0°	70.0° / 65.0°	52.5° / 52.4°	12.5°	64.5° / 57.3°	AHU: 20,000 CFM
72° / 63.7°	7.9°	64.1° / 61.0°	52.5° / 52.4°	8.4°	60.4° / 55.7°	4 Rows of Heat Pipes 10 Fins per inch
62° / 56.4°	3.8°	58.2° / 54.9°	52.5° / 52.4°	4.3°	56.3° / 54.0°	
55.5° / 52.4°	0°	55.5° / 52.4°	52.5° / 52.4°	O°	52.5° / 52.4°	
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Heat transfer is always balanced. As the outside air temperatures decrease, so does the heat transfer.

HP-WAHX CONFIGURATIONS

PIPE TO PIPE CONNECTION: Every row every pipe



SPLIT LOOP THERMOSYPHON: 2 PIPES PER ROW

- Any Coil Dimensions
- Stackable
- Controllable



- Any Length Coil
- Max 37.5" Fin Height
- Stackable
- Controllable

CONSIDER ACT'S CONTROL VALVES FOR OPTIMIZED HP-WAHX ENERGY PERFORMANCE

In order to capture and transfer even more energy, ACT's control valve options optimize the ability of the HP-WAHX to operate over a wider temperature range and increase the energy savings have a wider range of energy savings operation at lower entering air temperatures. ACT control valve options permit additional heat pipe rows, resulting in higher capacity HP-WAHX systems with the capability of stopping the heat pipes refrigerant flow in selected rows to maintain a specified discharge temperature. HP-WAHX with control maximizes energy savings as the outside air temperature fluctuates.

ACTIVE THERMAL CONTROL VALVE (ACT-TAV)



For applications that have variable discharge temperature requirements, ACT's active thermal control valve can be added to each of the heat pipe connecting tubes to adjust the amount of precooling and reheating necessary to meet the demand of the space being conditioned. The valves can be bundled and controlled, usually in stages of 10 to 25% each, to achieve the level of temperature control that is desired. Typically, ACT bundles the electrical wires into a local electrical panel that interfaces with the Building Management System (BMS).

The classical application is an auditorium that has long periods of unoccupancy followed by short periods of occupancy. When unoccupied, the WAHX can supply dehumidified, neutral (65-70°F) air to the space. When the space is occupied, the WAHX capacity can be reduced, usually in stages, such that the air handler can deliver dehumidified, cooler air to offset the additional cooling load of the occupants.

SPLIT LOOP THERMOSYPHON WITH 100% REHEAT CONTROL WRAP-AROUND (ACT-SLT)

The split loop thermosyphon wrap around heat pipe can also be controlled as described above for ACT's active and passive controlled pipe-to-pipe wrap around heat pipes. In the SLT case, one valve is added to the vapor connecting tube for each row of the coil. These valves are typically controlled by the Building Management System (BMS). They can be used for variable air discharge air applications and/or to maximize savings while preventing overheating of the conditioned air. The controlled SLT is often more cost effective for higher flow rate, larger coil sizes. ACT can evaluate your application and recommend the most cost-effective solution.





HP-WAHX WITH CONTROL

AVOID OVER-HEATING THE SPACE WHILE MAXIMIZING COMFORT AND SAVINGS

HP-WAHX Performance Meeting reheat and design point targets with additional rows even during part load conditions.





CASE STUDY

TECHNICAL PARAMETERS UTILIZED:

Annual Data

Running Hours 24 Hrs/Day 7 Days/Week (Note: Temperatures below 57° F are not calculated)

System Assumptions: 17,500 CFM system, operating in

Fort Lauderdale Florida, Cooling Coil at 55° FDB 54.9° FWB.

HP-AAHX PIPE-TO-PIPE DIMENSIONS

FRONT VIEW DIME	NSIDN TABLE
FH: Fin Height	Fin Height MUST be in multiples of 1.25"
FL1: Fin Length	Optional
FL2: Fin Length	Optional
C: Center Divider Width	Typically 4.0" or as specified
E1 – E2: Side Flange	Minimum of 2.0" or as specified
E3 – E4: Top – Bottom Flange	Minimum of 2.0" or as specified

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Side View Examples: 2 - 4 - 6 Row Heat Pipe Heat Exchangers



Note: Drawings are not to scale

FRONT VIEW D	IMENSION TABLE
FH 1 & 2: Fin Height Maximum MUST Stack AAHX over 37.5"	Fin Height Optional
FL1: Fin Length	Fin Length Optional, must be in multiples of 1.25"
FL2: Fin Length	Fin Length Optional, must be in multiples of 1.25"
C: Center Divider Width	Typically >4.0" or as specified
E1, E2, E3, E4: Side Flanges	Minimum of 1.5" or as specified
E5: Top Flange	Minimum of 4.5" or as specified
E6: Bottom Flange	Minimum of 3.0" or as specified

Note: HP-AAHX Split Loop Thermosyphon Systems cannot exceed 37.5" in Fin Height.

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HP-WAHX PIPE-TO-PIPE DIMENSIONS

FRONT VIEW D	MENSIDN TABLE
OAH: Total Height	Optional
OAL: Total Length	Optional
OAW: Total Coil Spacing	Optional
GAP	Optional
FH: Fin Height	Fin Height MUST be in multiplies of 1.25"
FL: Fin Length	Optional
E1 – E2: Side Flange	Minimum of 2.0" or as specified
E3 – E4: Top – Bottom Flange	Minimum of 1.5" or as specified
W: Coil Width	See table for minimum or as specified
D: Return Tube Depth	See table for minimum or as specified



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HP-WAHX LOOP THERMOSYPHON DIMENSIONS

FRONT VIEW DIM	ENSION TABLE
OAH: Total Height	FH + 8.50"
OAL: Total Length	Optional
OAW: Total Coil Spacing	Optional
GAP	Optional
FH: Fin Height, *Max. 37.5"	Optional
FL: Fin Length	MUST be in multiples of 1.25"
E1 – E2: Side Flange	Minimum of 1.50" or as specified
E3: Top Flange	Minimum of 4.50" or as specified
E4: Bottom of Flange	Minimum of 3.00" or as specified
W: Coil Width	See table for minimum or as specified
D: Return Tube Depth	See table for minimum or as specified
*Note: Fin Height over 3;	7.5" must be stacked

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