

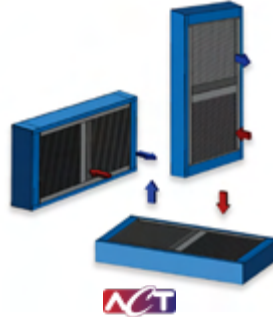
# HEAT RECOVERY WHEELS: HOW DO THEY STACK UP?

COMPARE POWERED HEAT RECOVERY WHEELS TO  
ACT'S PASSIVE AIR-TO-AIR HEAT PIPE HEAT EXCHANGERS (AAHX)

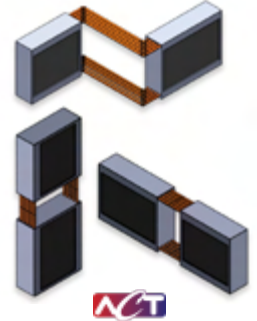
Know what your options are before making a design decision on a new Heat Recovery System. Take into consideration the ASHRAE 62.1 and 2 indoor air quality clean air requirements, as well as maintenance costs and lifetime cost of ownership and operation.



HEAT RECOVERY WHEEL



PASSIVE HEAT PIPE SIDE-BY-SIDE HEAT EXCHANGER



PASSIVE SPLIT LOOP THERMOSYPHON HEAT EXCHANGER

## NO CROSS AIR CONTAMINATION

Prevents contaminants in the exhaust airstream from crossing over into the adjacent supply airstream

✗ Not Possible as airstreams are not separated



## ENERGY RECOVERY

Sensible/Latent

Sensible

Sensible

## UNIT COST COMPARISON

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## LIFETIME OWNERSHIP COST

Maintenance costs involving motors, drive belts, bearings and heat transfer medium

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\$0 Passive AAHX are maintenance free

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## EXPECTED OPERATIONAL LIFE

Based on field interviews and observations with facilities maintenance staff

5-7 Years

15+ Years  
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## INSTALLATION CONFIGURATION

Variable distances between exhaust air & supply streams

✗ Must be Side-by-Side

✓ Up to 12' Separation

✓ Up to 30'

Exhaust air & supply streams can be separated horizontally

✗ Not Possible

✓ Up to 12' Separation

✓ Up to 30'

Exhaust air & supply streams can be separated vertically

✗ Not Possible

✓ Single Season

✓ Up to 30'

Limitations in size (CFMs)

✗ <100,000 CFMs

✓ >100,000 CFM  
Coil Size Only Limitation

✓ >100,000 CFM  
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Optionally, ACT's fully pumped systems can reach up to 300' of separation.



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