

# Trends in Energy Recovery Technologies

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# PRESENTATION AGENDA

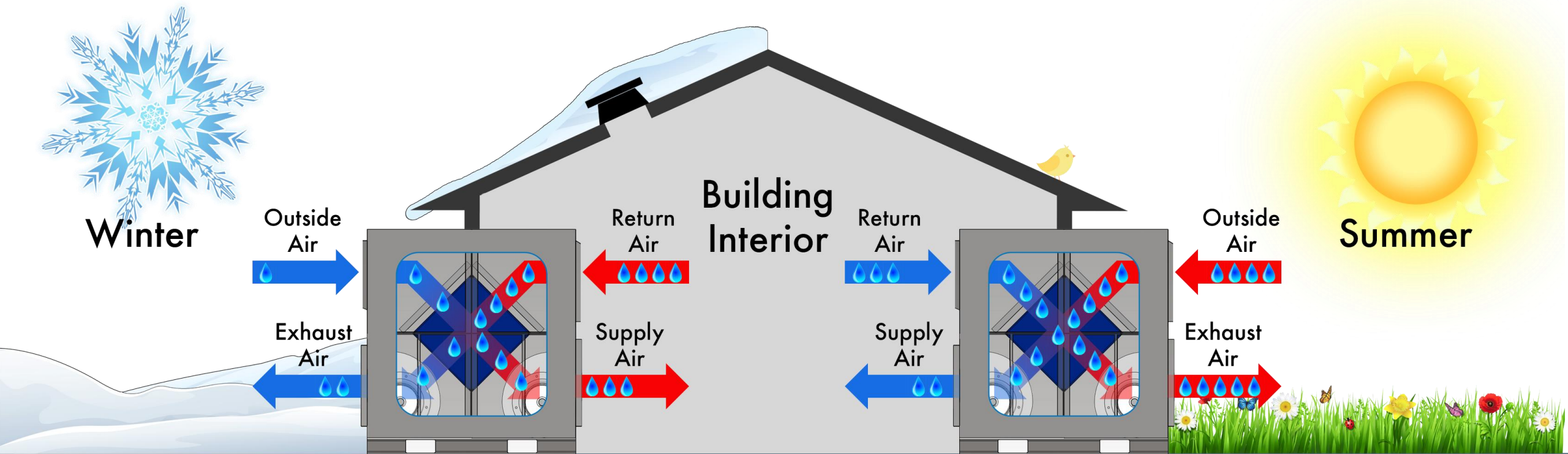
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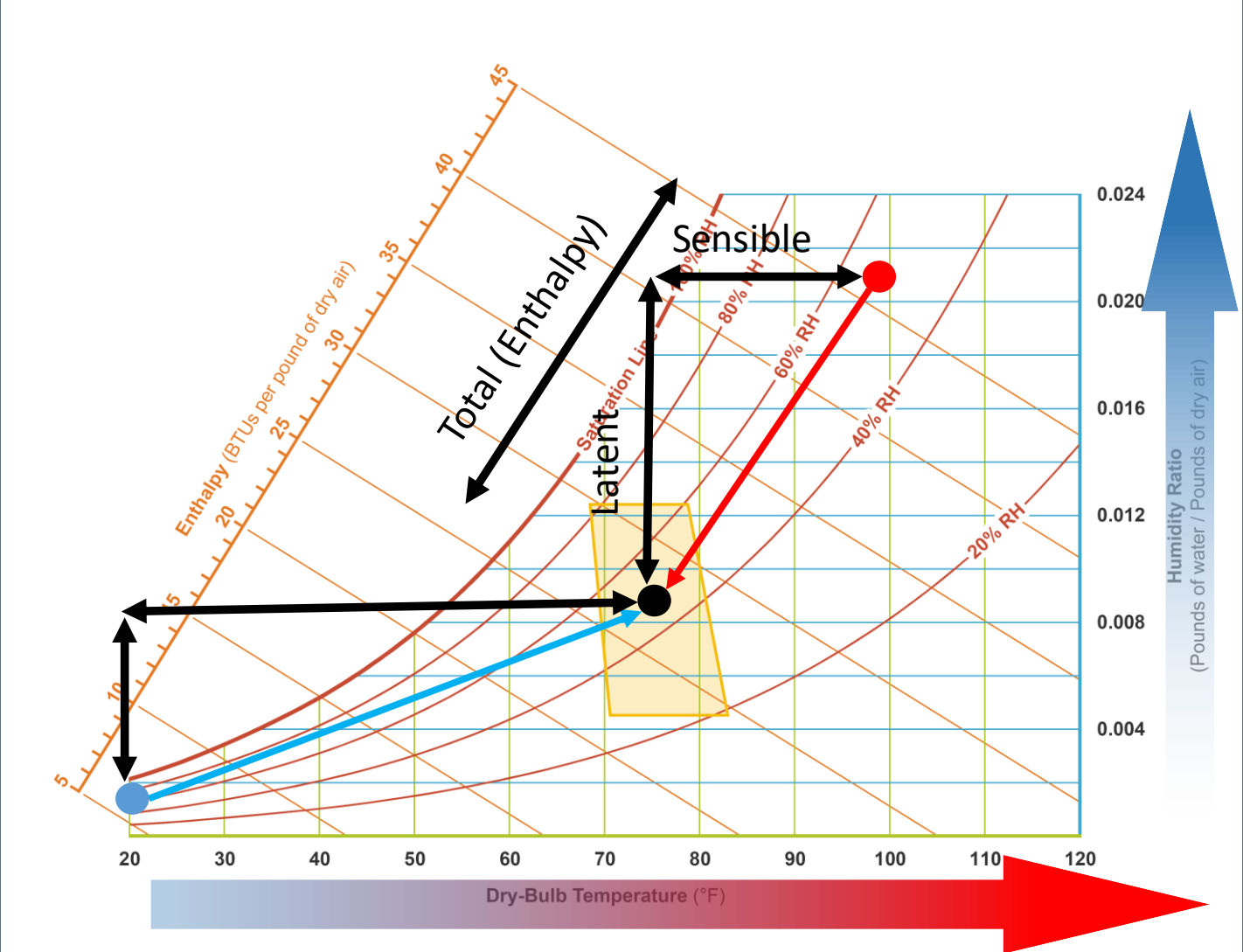
Part 4: Climate Considerations

# Ventilate with Energy Recovery



Humidifies in winter & dehumidifies in summer, reducing energy costs & providing fresh air & optimal indoor comfort

# Effectiveness - Psychrometrics



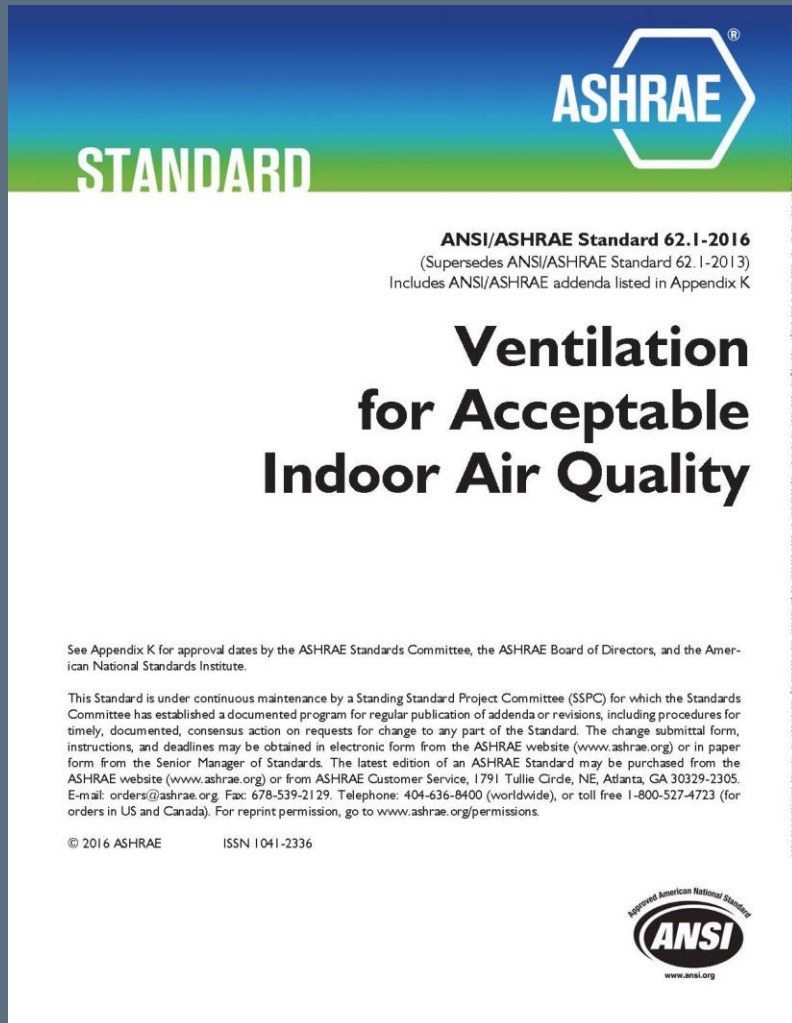
# North American Ventilation and ERV Codes & Standards

# ASHRAE 62.1

## Standard of Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality

### ASHRAE Definition of Acceptable IAQ

“Air in which there are no known contaminants at harmful concentrations as determined by cognizant authorities and with which a substantial majority (80% or more) of the people exposed do not express dissatisfaction.”



# ASHRAE 62.1-2016

## Standard of Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality

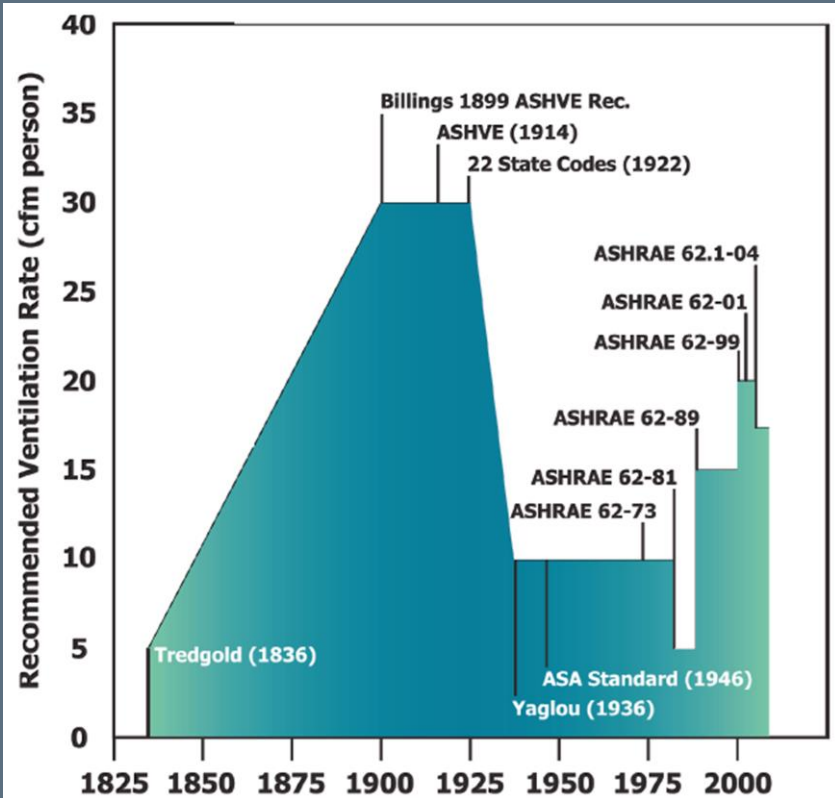


TABLE 6.2.2.1 Minimum Ventilation Rates in Breathing Zone (Continued)  
(Table 6.2.2.1 shall be used in conjunction with the accompanying notes.)

Occupancy Category	People Outdoor Air Rate		Area Outdoor Air Rate		Notes	Default Values			Air Class	
	$R_p$	cfm/person	L/s-person	cfm/ft <sup>2</sup>		L/s/m <sup>2</sup>	Occupant Density	Combined Outdoor Air Rate (see Note 5)		
							#/1000 ft <sup>2</sup> or #/100 m <sup>2</sup>	cfm/person		L/s-person
<b>Residential</b>										
Dwelling unit	5	2.5	0.06	0.3	F, G, H	F			1	
Common corridors	—	—	0.06	0.3	H				1	
<b>Retail</b>										
Sales (except as below)	7.5	3.8	0.12	0.6		15	16	7.8	2	
Mall common areas	7.5	3.8	0.06	0.3	H	40	9	4.6	1	
Barbershop	7.5	3.8	0.06	0.3	H	25	10	5.0	2	
Beauty and nail salons	20	10	0.12	0.6		25	25	12.4	2	
Pet shops (animal areas)	7.5	3.8	0.18	0.9		10	26	12.8	2	
Supermarket	7.5	3.8	0.06	0.3	H	8	15	7.6	1	
Coin-operated laundries	7.5	3.8	0.12	0.6		20	14	7.0	2	
Daycare sickroom	10	5	0.18	0.9		25	17	8.6	3	
Classrooms (ages 5–8)	10	5	0.12	0.6		25	15	7.4	1	
Classrooms (age 9 plus)	10	5	0.12	0.6		35	13	6.7	1	
Lecture classroom	7.5	3.8	0.06	0.3	H	65	9	4.2	1	
<b>Office Buildings</b>										
Breakrooms	5	2.5	0.12	0.6		50	7	3.5	1	
Main entry lobbies	5	2.5	0.06	0.3	H	10	11	5.5	1	
Occupiable storage rooms for dry materials	5	2.5	0.06	0.3		2	35	17.5	1	
Office space	5	2.5	0.06	0.3	H	5	17	8.5	1	
Reception areas	5	2.5	0.06	0.3	H	30	7	3.5	1	
Telephone/data entry	5	2.5	0.06	0.3	H	60	6	3.0	1	
Multiuse assembly	7.5	3.8	0.06	0.3	H	100	8	4.1	1	



# ASHRAE 62.1-2016

## Four Classes of Air

	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
Environment	Office/Apartment	Laundry room/Nail salon	Kitchen/Bathroom exhaust	Lab Fume Hood
% Recirculation	No limit	Less than 10%	Less than 5%	0%

**TABLE 5.16.1 Airstreams or Sources**

Description	Air Class
Diazo printing equipment discharge	4
Commercial kitchen grease hoods	4
Commercial kitchen hoods other than grease	3
Laboratory hoods	4 <sup>a</sup>
Residential kitchen hoods	3
Hydraulic elevator machine room	2

a. Air Class 4 unless determined otherwise by the Environmental Health and Safety professional responsible to the owner or to the owner's designee



# ASHRAE 90.1

Standard that provides minimum requirements for energy efficiency in buildings

## 6.5.6.1 Exhaust Air Energy Recovery.

Energy recovery systems required (by table 6.5.6.1) shall have at least **50% enthalpy recovery ratio**.

(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.

**STANDARD**




**ANSI/ASHRAE/IES Standard 90.1-2016**  
(Supersedes ANSI/ASHRAE/IES Standard 90.1-2013)  
Includes ANSI/ASHRAE/IES addenda listed in Appendix H

**Energy Standard  
for Buildings  
Except Low-Rise  
Residential Buildings  
(I-P Edition)**

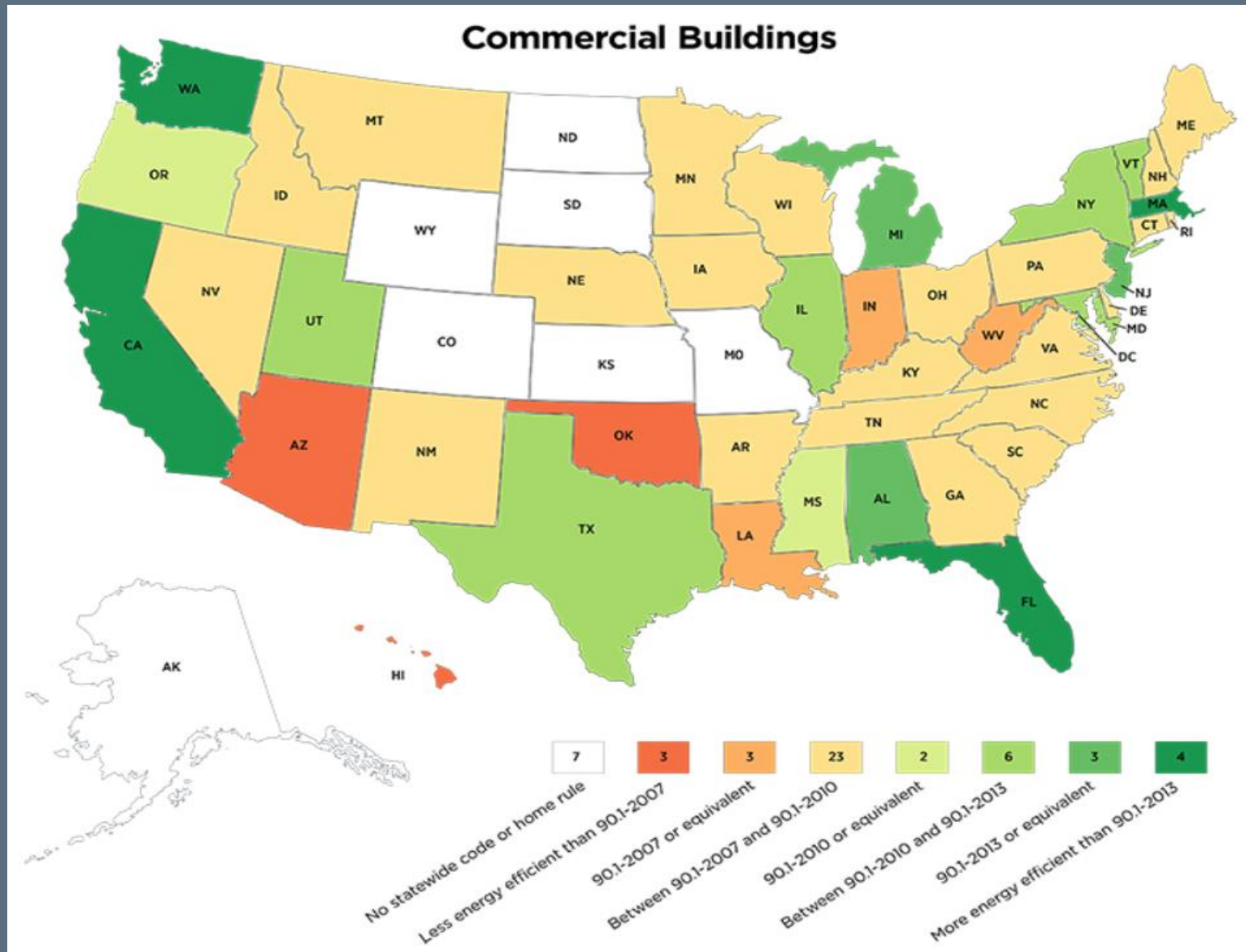
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# US States Adoption of ASHRAE 90.1 Codes



## 90.1 2010

50% Total Energy Recovery Effectiveness

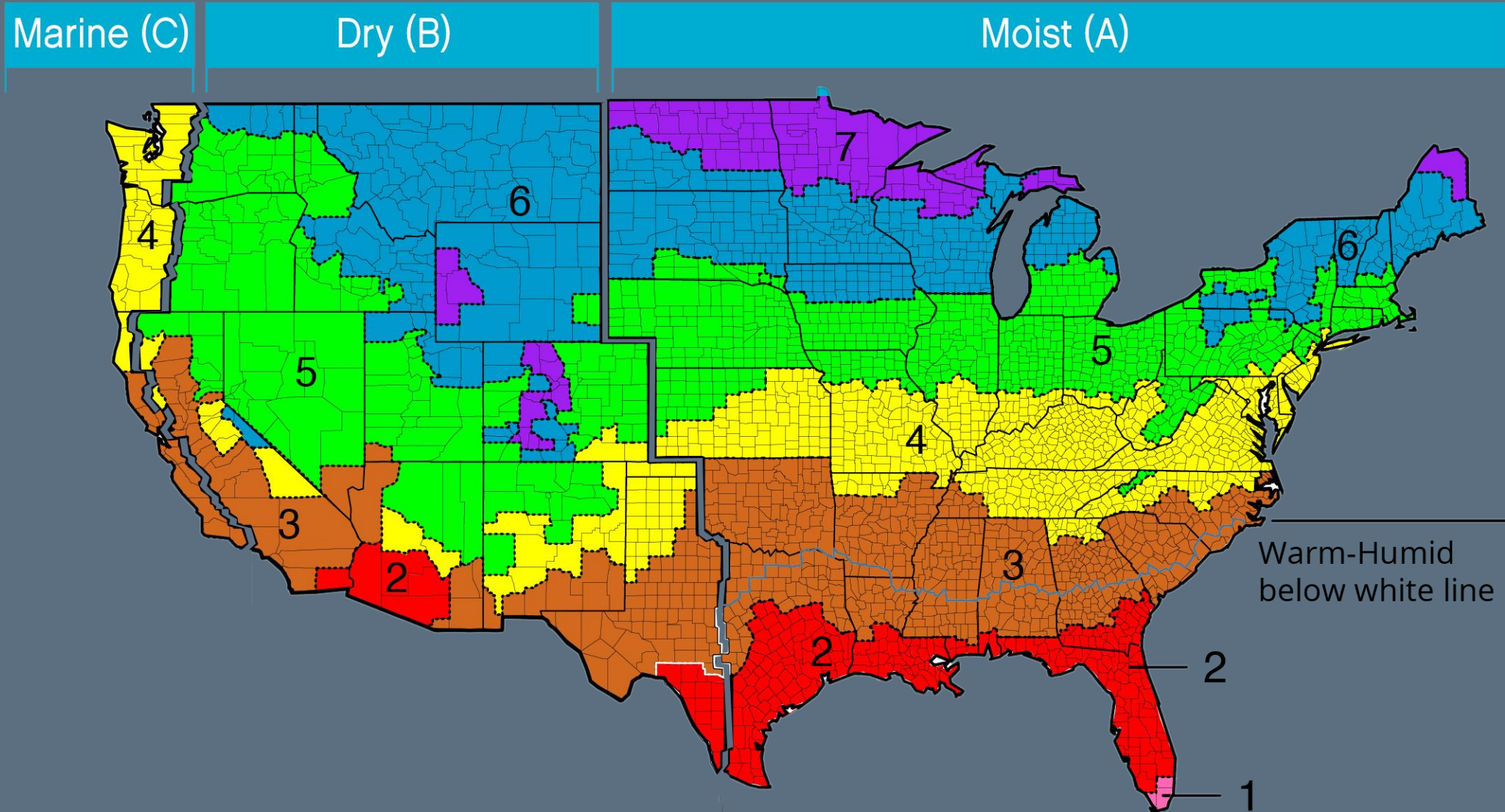
White= No code

Orange= 2007

Yellow= Transition to 2010

Green= Transition to 2013

# ASHRAE Climate Zone Map



# ASHRAE 90.1-2010

**TABLE 6.5.6.1 Energy Recovery Requirement**

Zone	% Outdoor Air at Full Design Airflow Rate					DOAS
	≥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	≥5000	≥5000
1B, 2B, 5C	NR	NR	≥26000	≥12000	≥5000	≥4000
6B	≥11000	≥5500	≥4500	≥3500	≥2500	≥1500
1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, 6A	≥5500	≥4500	≥3500	≥2000	≥1000	>0
7,8	≥2500	≥1000	>0	>0	>0	>0

NR—Not required



# ASHRAE 90.1-2013, Table 6.5.6.1

Table 6.5.6.1-1 Energy Recovery Requirement (systems operating less than 8,000 hours/year) – non continuous operation

Climate Zone	<u>% Outdoor Air at Full Design Airflow Rate</u>							
	≥10% and >20%	≥20% and >30%	≥30% and >40%	≥40% and >50%	≥50% and >60%	≥60% and >70%	≥70% and >80%	≥80%
	<u>Design Supply Fan Airflow Rate (cfm)</u>							
3B, 3C, 4B, 4C, 5B	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
1B, 2B, 5C	NR	NR	NR	NR	≥26,000	≥12,000	≥5,000	≥4,000
6B	≥28,000	≥26,500	≥11,000	≥5,500	≥4,500	≥3,500	≥2,500	≥1,500
1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, 6A	≥26,000	≥16,000	≥5,500	≥4,500	≥3,500	≥2,000	≥1,000	≥0

1. Min. OA requirement now 10%
2. Split into 2 tables for continuous & non-continuous operation



# ASHRAE 90.1-2016 – Exceptions

## Exceptions to 6.5.6.1

1. Laboratory *systems* meeting Section [6.5.7.3](#).
2. *Systems* serving *spaces* that are not cooled and that are heated to less than 60°F.
3. Where more than 60% of the *outdoor air* heating *energy* is provided from *site-recovered energy* or *site-solar energy*.
4. Heating *energy* recovery in Climate Zones 0, 1, and 2.
5. Cooling *energy* recovery in Climate Zones 3C, 4C, 5B, 5C, 6B, 7, and 8.
6. Where the sum of the airflow rates exhausted and relieved within 20 ft of each other is less than 75% of the design outdoor airflow rate, excluding exhaust air that is
  - a. used for another *energy* recovery *system*,
  - b. not allowed by ASHRAE Standard 170 for use in *energy* recovery *systems* with leakage potential, or
  - c. of Class 4 as defined in ASHRAE Standard 62.1.
7. *Systems* requiring dehumidification that employ *energy* recovery in series with the cooling coil.
8. *Systems* expected to operate less than 20 hours per week at the *outdoor air* percentage covered by Table [6.5.6.1-1](#).

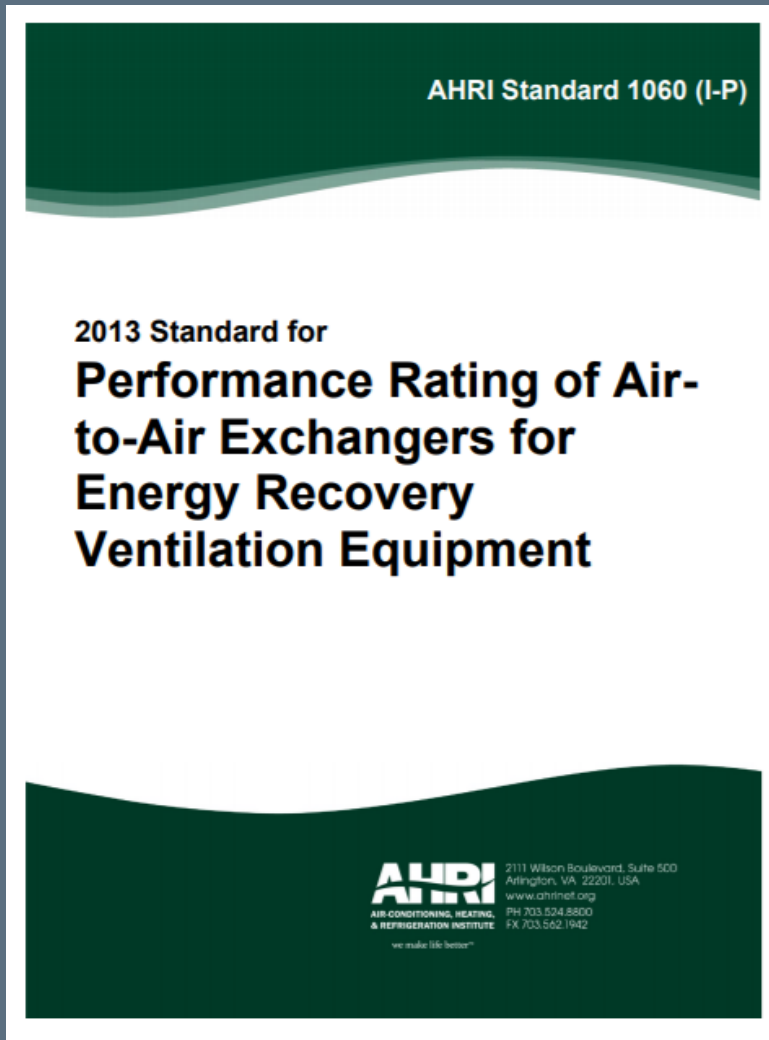
Free cooling and economizing must be used when applicable



# Energy Recovery Options

# AHRI 1060

## Standard for Performance Rating of Air-to-Air Exchangers



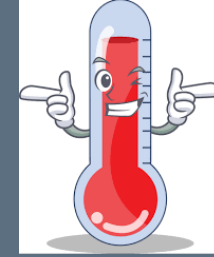
### SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

The certification program includes Air-to-Air Heat Exchangers for use in Air-to-Air Energy Recovery Ventilation Equipment, rated at or above 50 scfm but below or equal to 5,000 scfm at AHRI Standard Rating Conditions.

In addition, Air-to-Air Heat Exchangers for use in Air-to-Air Energy Recovery Ventilation Equipment rated above 5,000 scfm are included if the participant's basic model group(s) for those models include at least one model rated at or above 50 scfm but below or equal to 5,000 scfm.

# AHRI 1060 – Key Performance Metrics

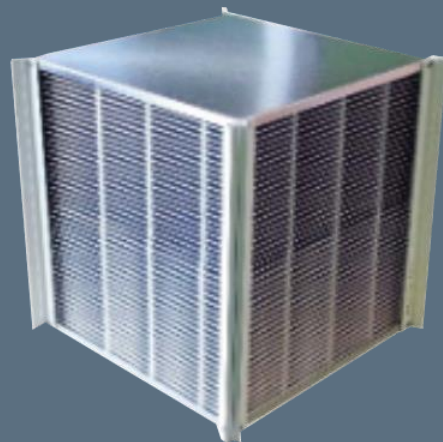
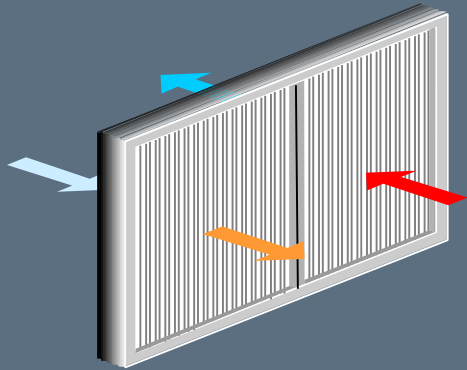
**Performance:** {  
*Sensible Effectiveness*  
*Latent Effectiveness*  
*Total Effectiveness*  
*Pressure Drop*



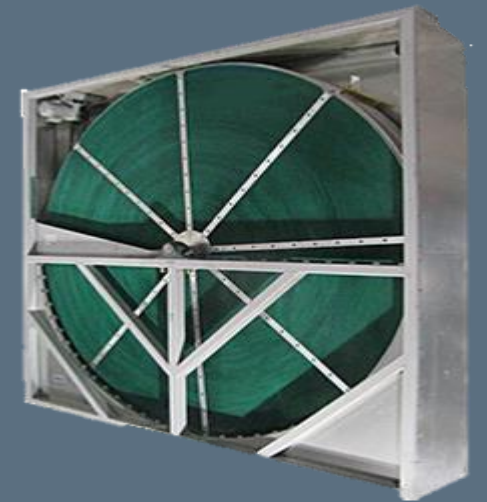
**Leakage:** {  
*Exhaust Air Transfer Ratio (EATR) – Cross Contamination*  
*Outdoor Air Correction Factor (OACF) – Cross Leakage*

# Energy Recovery Technologies

## Sensible Devices



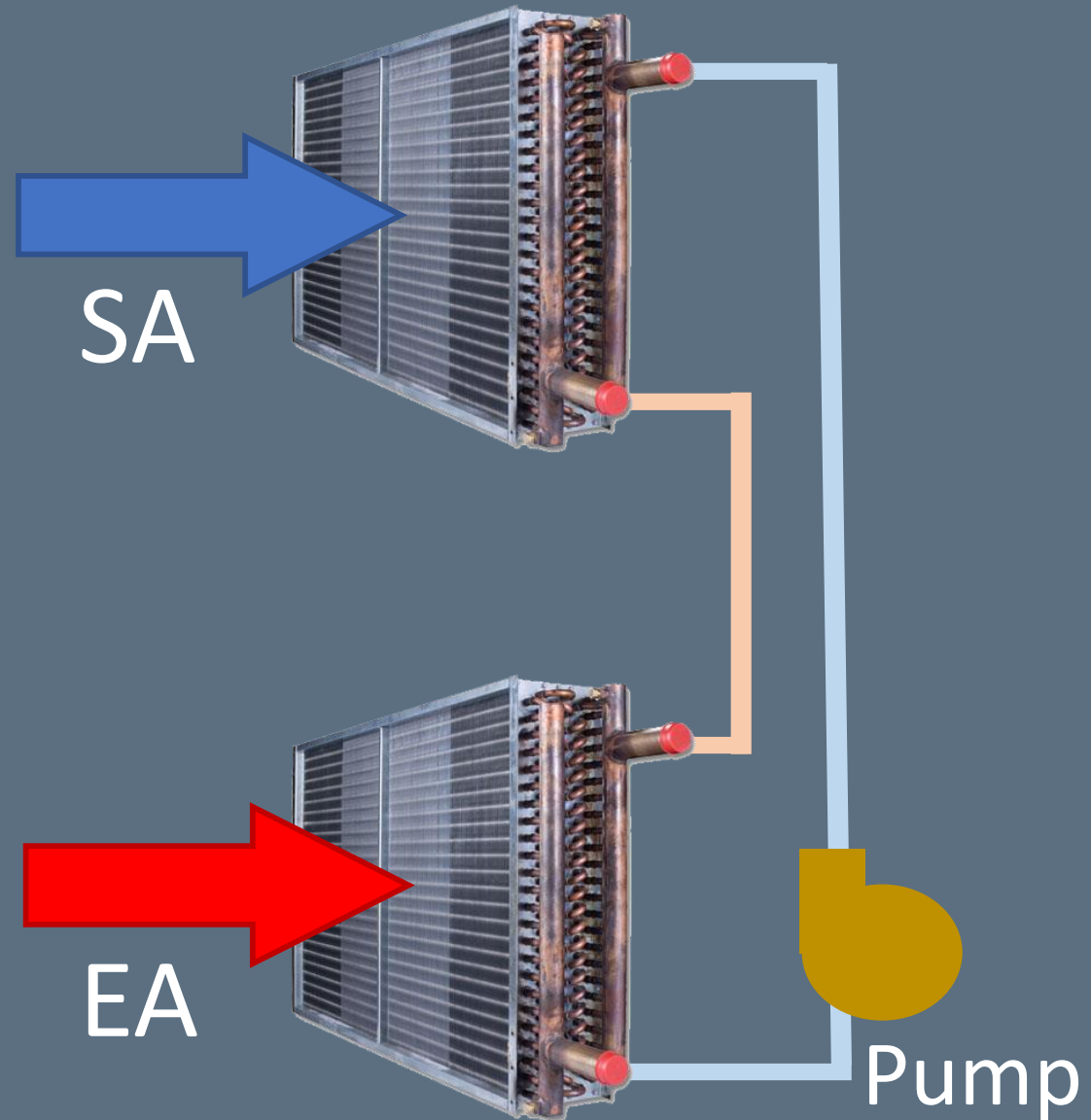
## Enthalpy Devices



# Run-Around Loops

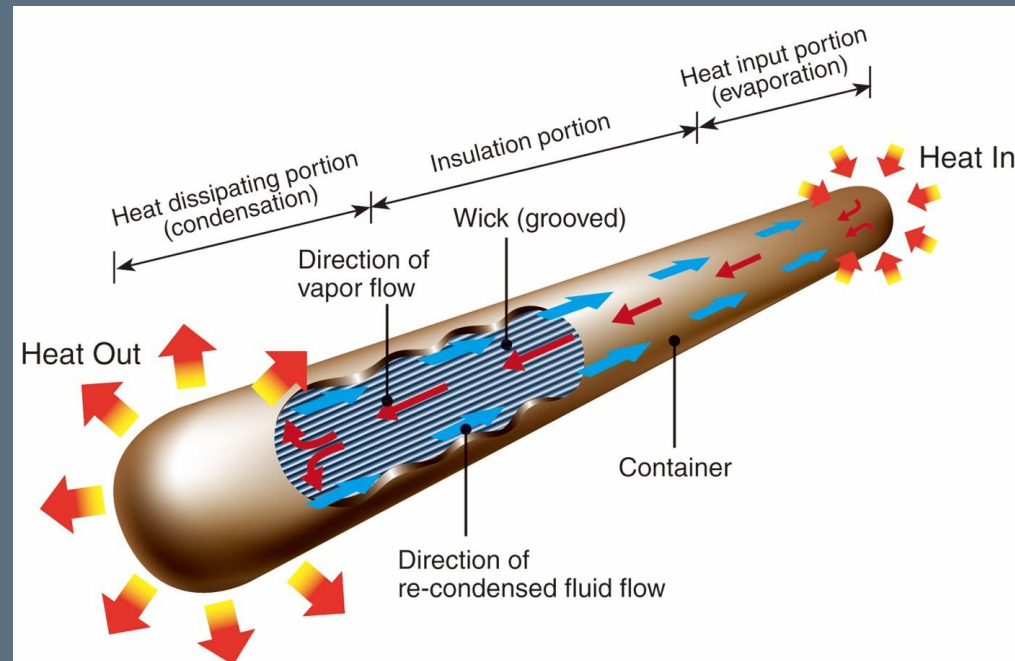
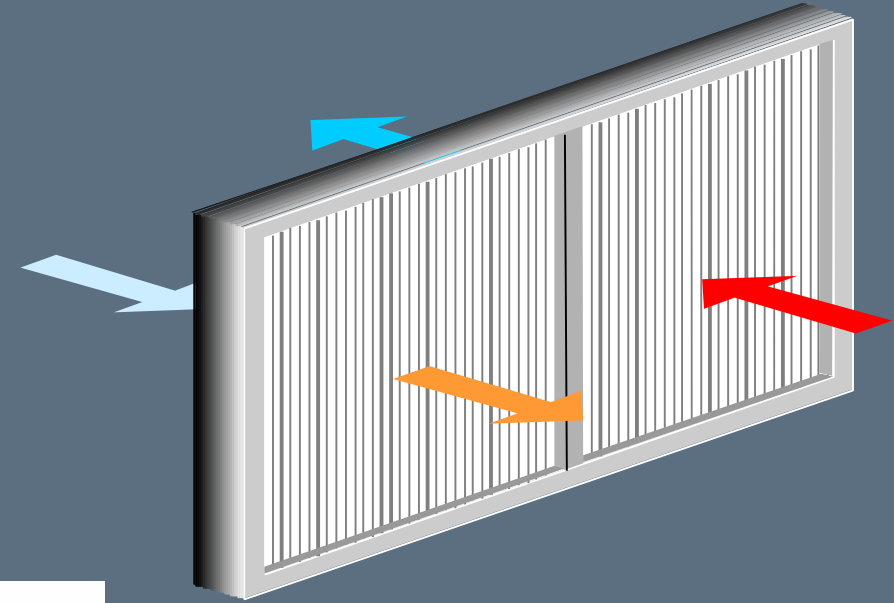
- Minimum of 2 coils (1 per airstream)
- Supply and Exhaust air streams may be completely separate:  
in class 4 air applications
- Retrofit applications
- Sensible only recovery
- 30%-40% Effectiveness
- Does not meet 90.1 in most climates

Can be used



# Heat Pipes

- Coils need to be adjacent or close
- Sensible only recovery
- 30%-40% Effectiveness
- Does not meet 90.1 in most climates





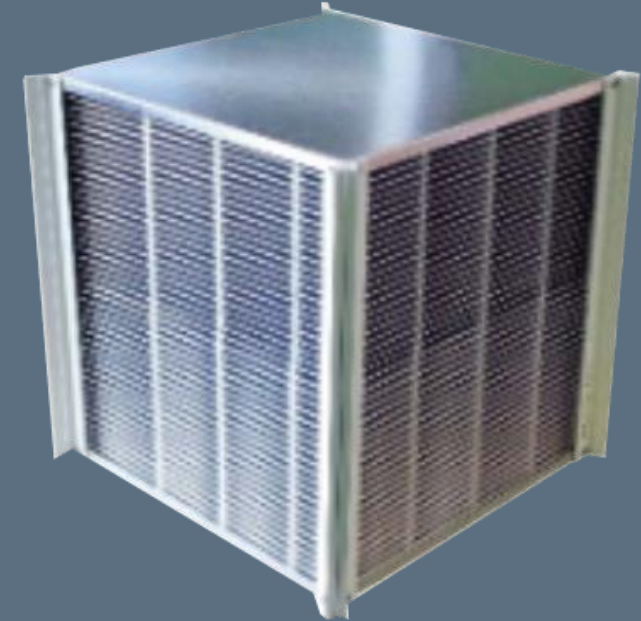
# Fixed Plate Exchangers

- Transfers Heat and/or Humidity between two airstreams
- Air tunnels must be adjacent
- No moving part between the two airstreams
- Cross-over of 0-5%.
- OACF of 1.0 to 1.1
- Passive Energy Recovery
- Device: No moving part
- 40%-70% Effectiveness

Enthalpy Exchanger



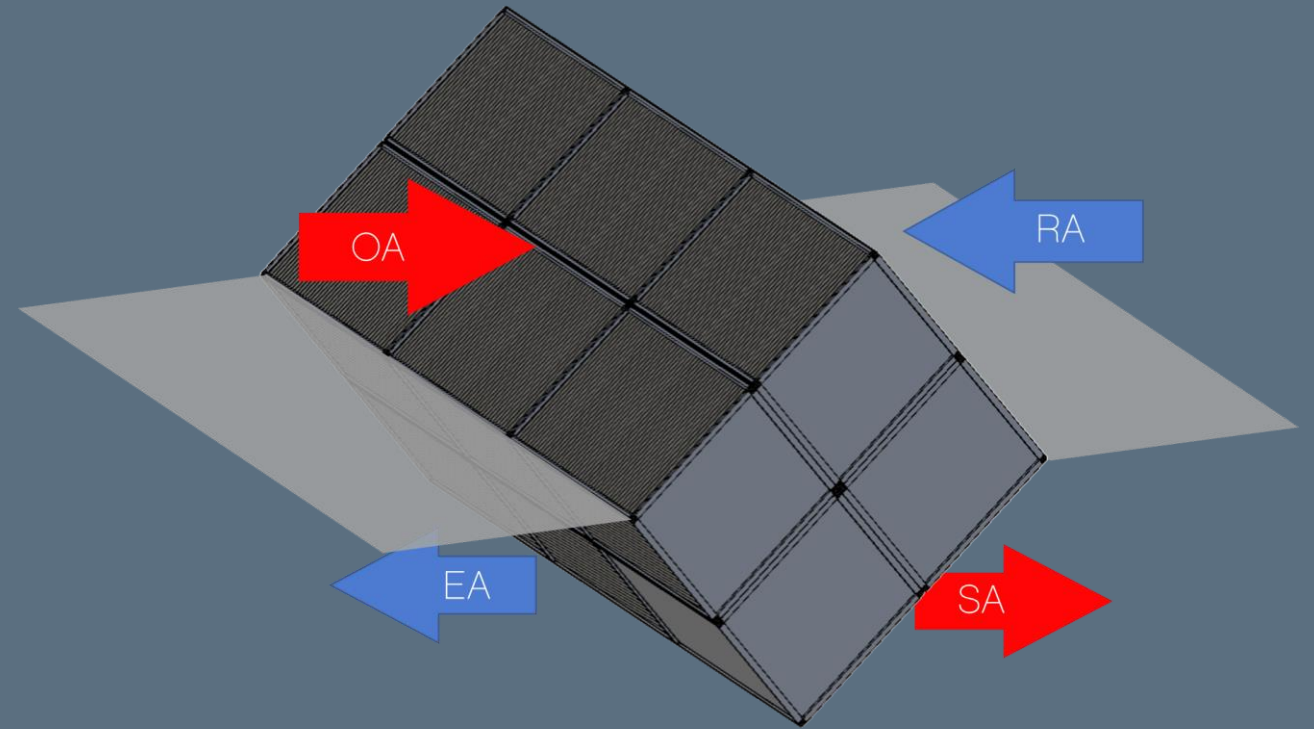
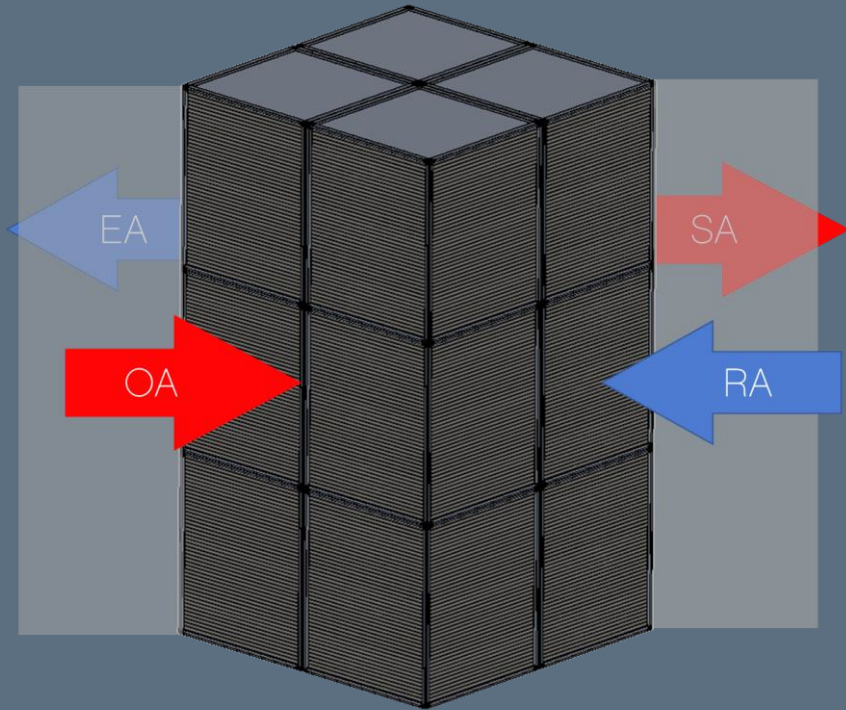
Sensible Exchanger





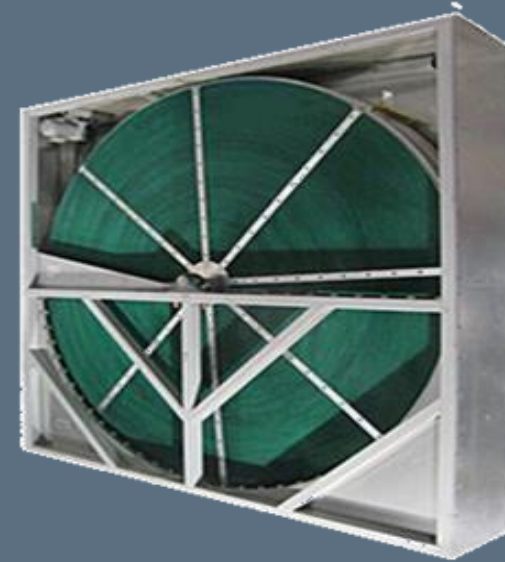
# Fixed Plate Exchangers

## Flow Configurations



# Rotary Energy Recovery Devices

- Heat and/or humidity transfer
- Adjacent air tunnels
- Cross-over of 1-10%
- OACF of 0.95 to 1.5
- Fixed aspect ratio (circle)
- Compact size at high flow rates:
  - Wheel thickness: 4"-12"
- Active energy recovery device
- 45%-80% Effectiveness

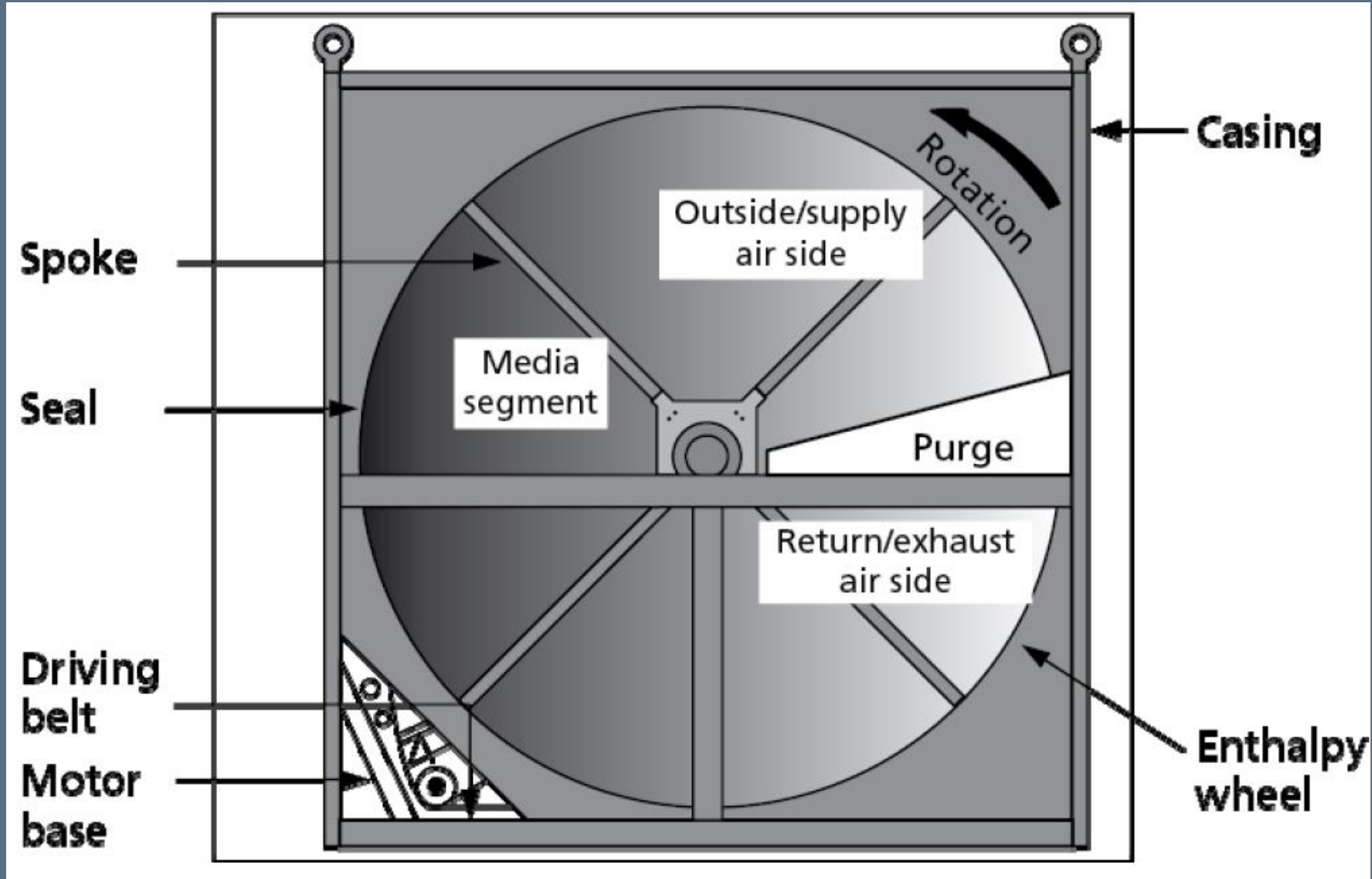


Enthalpy Wheel



Sensible Wheel

# Rotary Energy Recovery Devices - Anatomy



# Rotary Energy Recovery Devices - Leakage

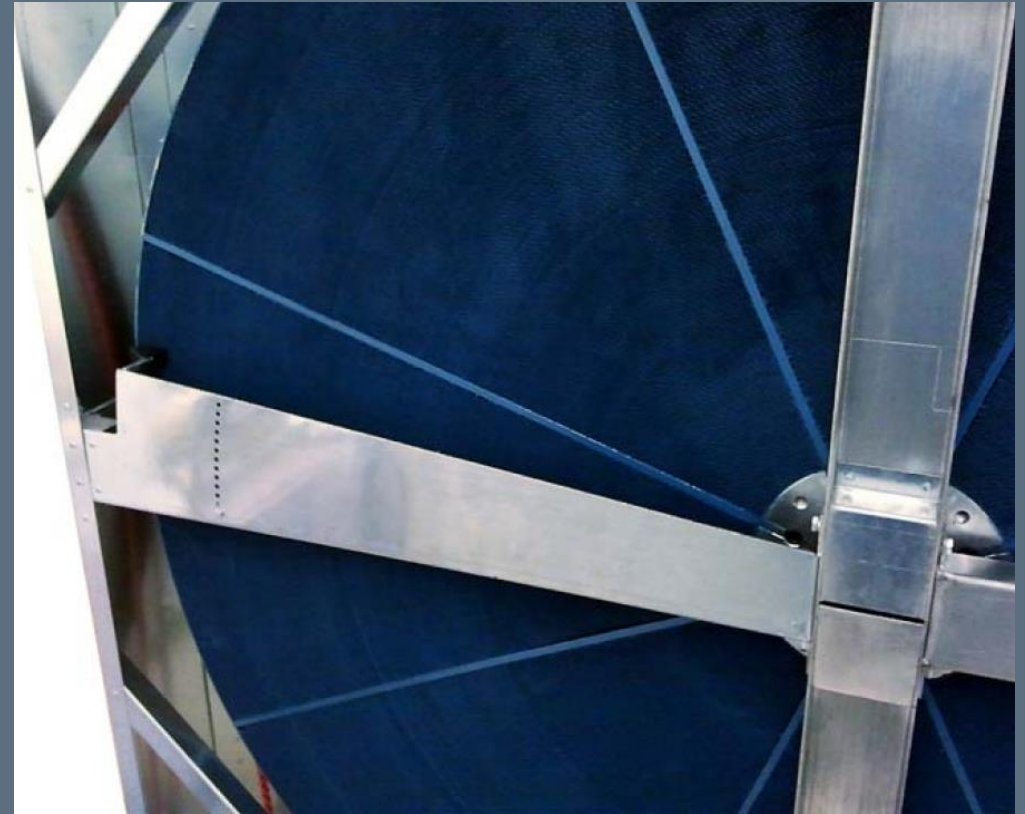
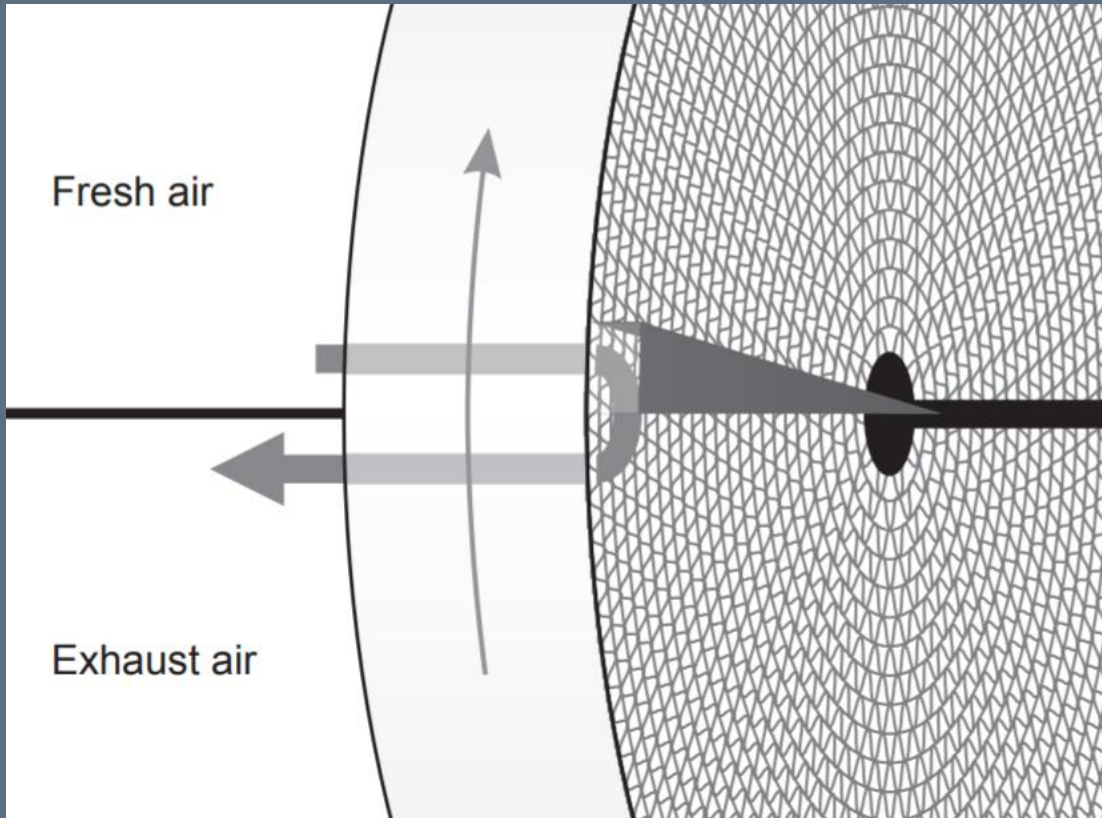
- Heat and mass transfer media moves between airstreams
- Air leakage mechanisms:
  - Air trapped in the media channels goes to the other airstream
  - Air leaks through the seal
- Draw through exhaust/blow through supply fan arrangement may be used to reduce leakage, but watch for OACF





# Rotary Energy Recovery Devices – Leakage

## Purge Section



Purge Section Reduces the Carry Over  
Purge Section Significantly increases the OACF

# Summary

<b>Technology</b> <b>Metric</b>	<b>Enthalpy Wheels</b>	<b>Enthalpy Plate</b>	<b>Heat Pipe</b>	<b>Run Around Loop</b>
<b>Performance (TRE)</b>	45%-80%	45%-70%	30%-40%	30%-40%
<b>EATR</b>	1%-10%	0%-5%	0%-1%	0% (Separate Channels)
<b>OACF</b>	0.95-1.5	0-1.06	0.99-1.01	1.0
<b>Moving Parts</b>	Motor/Belt/Bearing	None	None	Pump
<b>Application</b>	High Flow Rate Compact Size	Low cross contamination -Low maintenance	Low Cross Contamination	Class 4 Air Retrofit

# Maintaining Energy Recovery

<b>Maintenance</b> \ <b>Technology</b>	<b>Heat Pipe/Run Around Loop</b>	<b>Enthalpy Wheels</b>	<b>Enthalpy Plates</b>
<b>Cleaning Cycle:</b>	Once every 12 months	Once every 12 months	Once every 2 years
<b>Maintenance:</b>	Clean the coils/Check refrigerant pressure/Check the pump	Check desiccant coating bearings/belts and motor	Clean exchanger media
<b>Method:</b>	Hot water & mild detergents	Vacuum or low-pressure water (depending on manufacturer)	Vacuum or low-pressure water (depending on manufacturer)

Proper filtration is the best way to maintain all energy recovery devices





# Climate Considerations

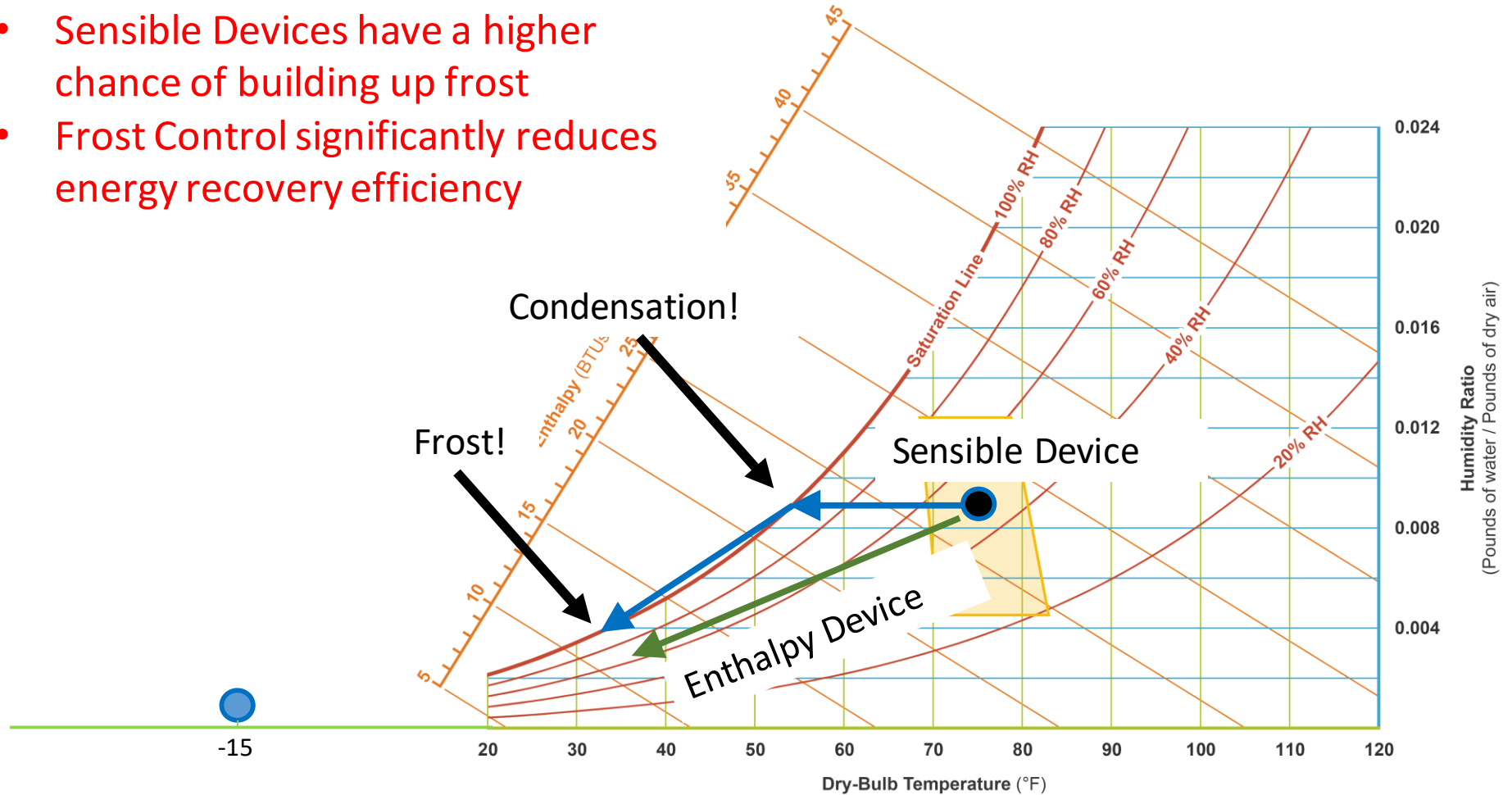
# Frost Control

- All ERV devices may need frost control in extreme winter conditions
- Frost threshold depends on:
  - Type of the device
  - Indoor humidity
  - Device sensible and latent performance
- 5 frost control strategies:
  - Face and Bypass (Plate Exchangers and Heat Pipes)
  - Electric pre-heat (All)
  - Exhaust-only (Plate Exchangers)
  - Exhaust Re-circulation (Plate Exchangers)
  - Speed Control (Rotary Devices)



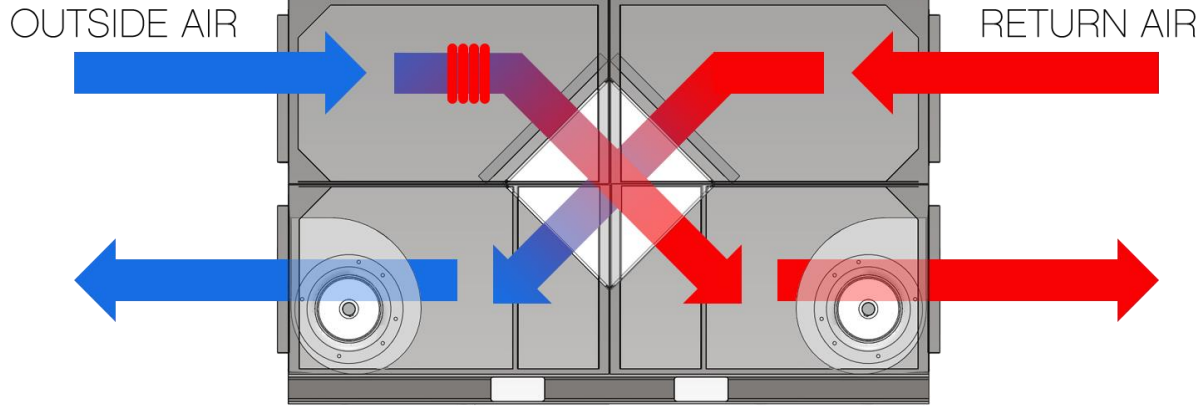
# Energy Recovery in Cold Climates

- Sensible Devices have a higher chance of building up frost
- Frost Control significantly reduces energy recovery efficiency

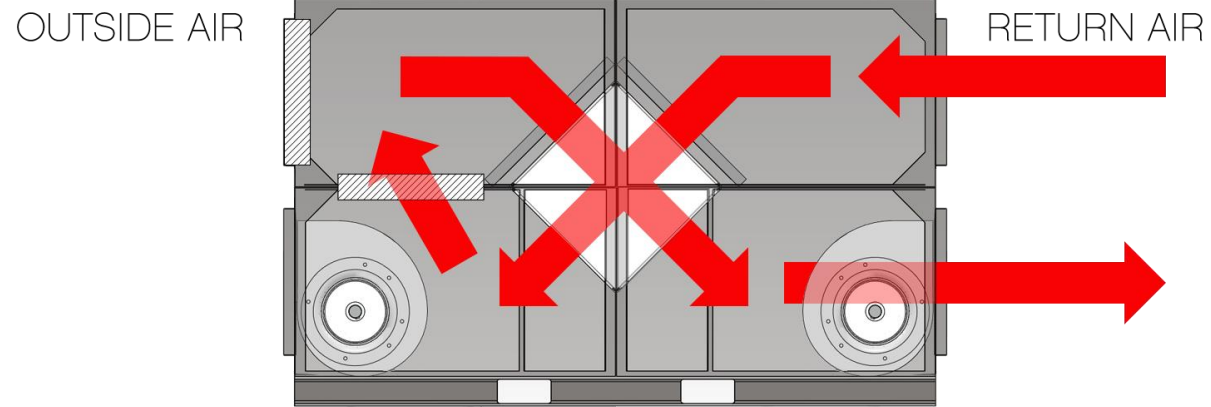
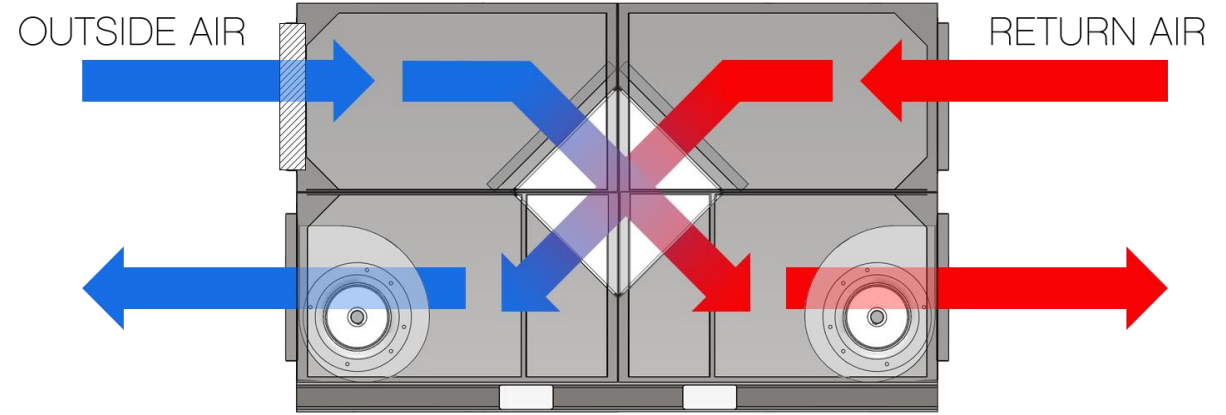


# Frost Control – Fixed Plate Exchangers

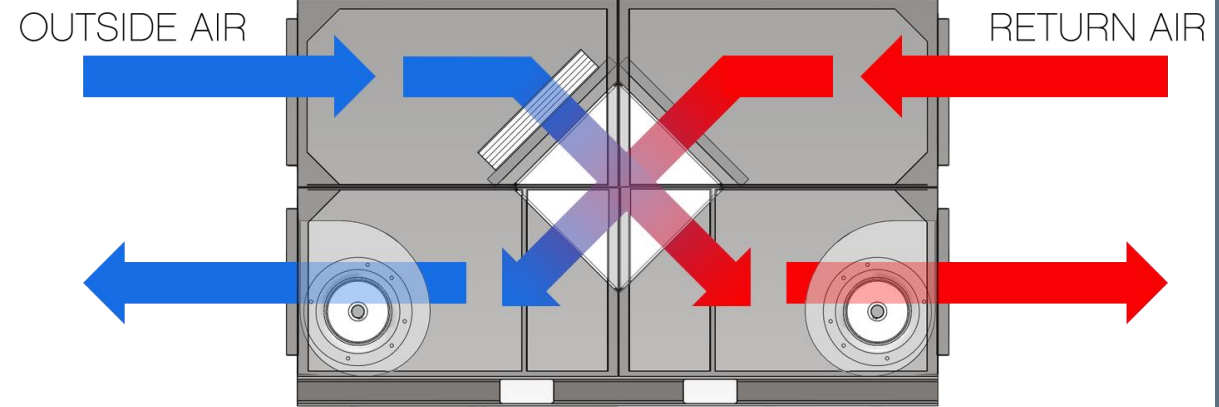
Pre-Heat Coil



Exhaust-Only

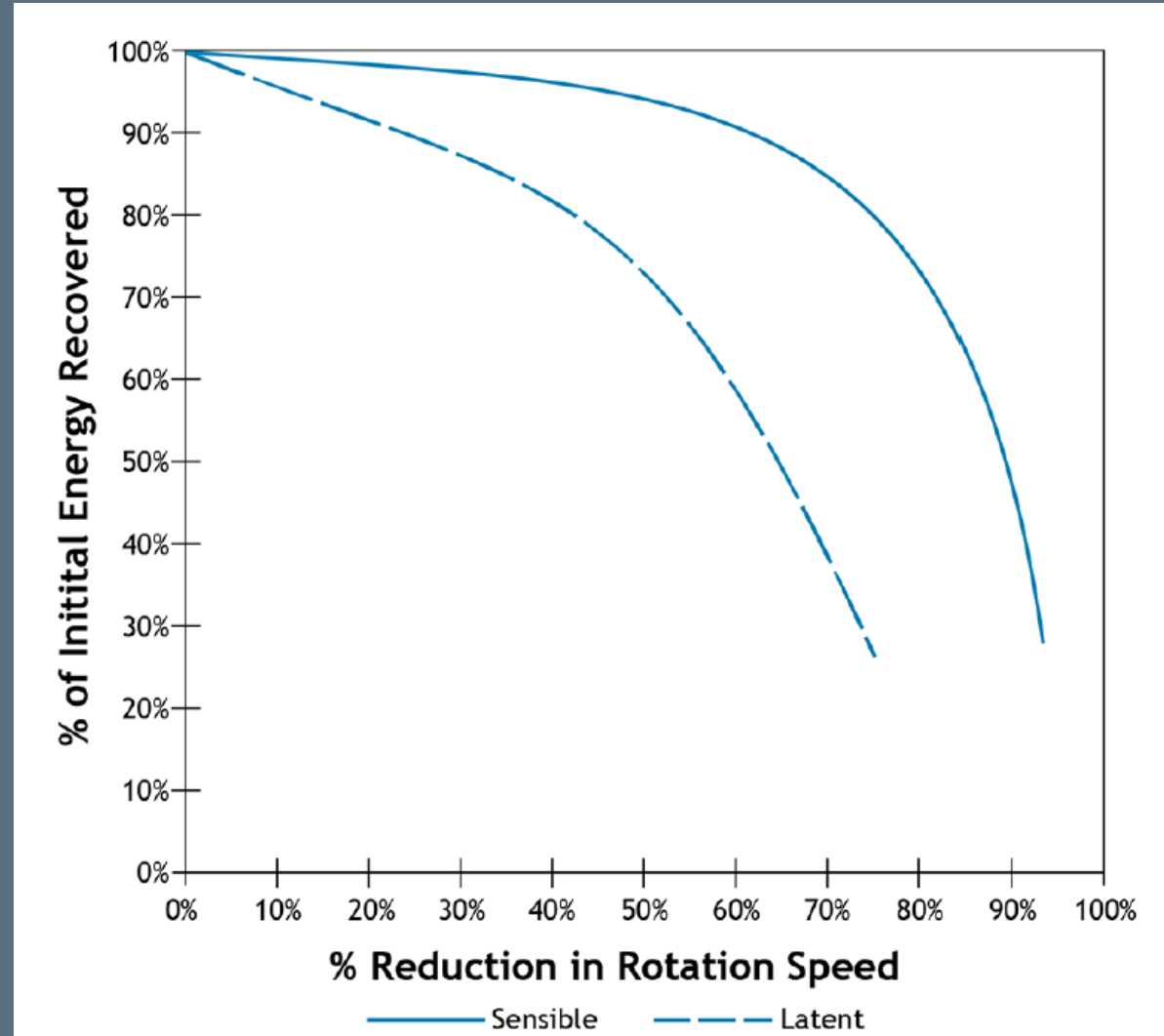


Recirculation Damper



Face and Bypass Damper

# Frost Control – Rotary Devices

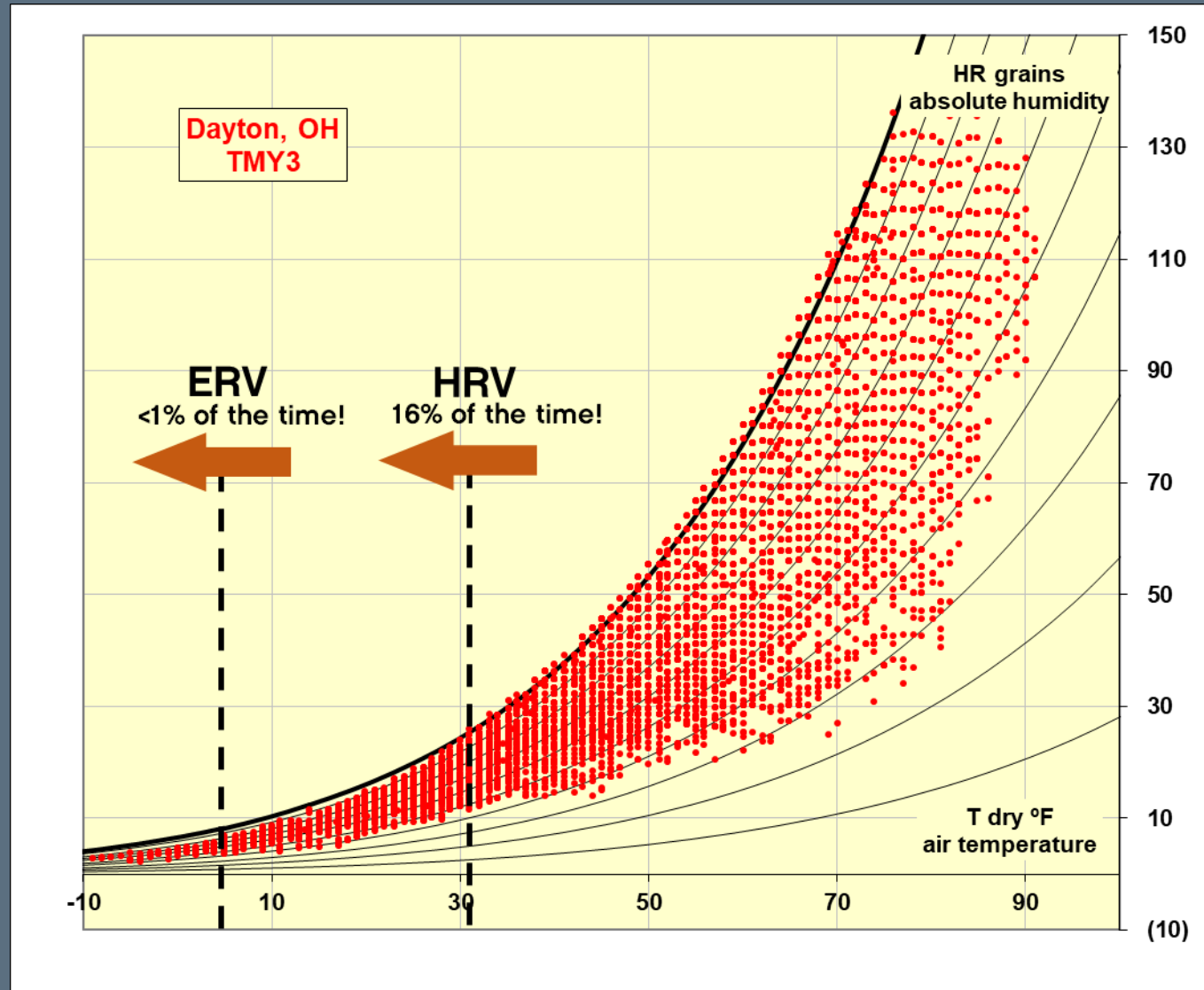


# Frost Threshold Comparison

<b>Technology:</b>	<b>Enthalpy Wheels</b>	<b>Heat Pipes</b>	<b>Enthalpy Plates</b>	<b>Sensible Plates</b>
<b>Typical Frost Threshold:</b>	-15 F	15	0 to 15	35 F
<b>Frost Control:</b>	Reduce wheel speed	Face and Bypass/Exhaust-only/Recirculation/Pre-heat		

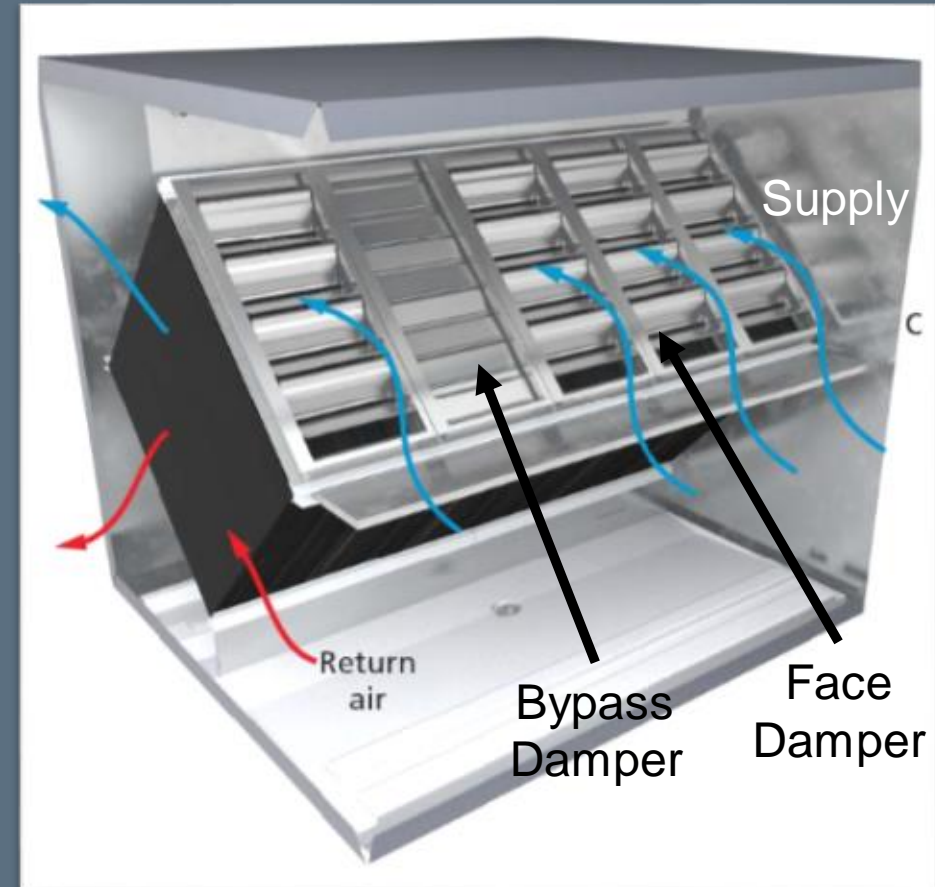


# Dayton Climate

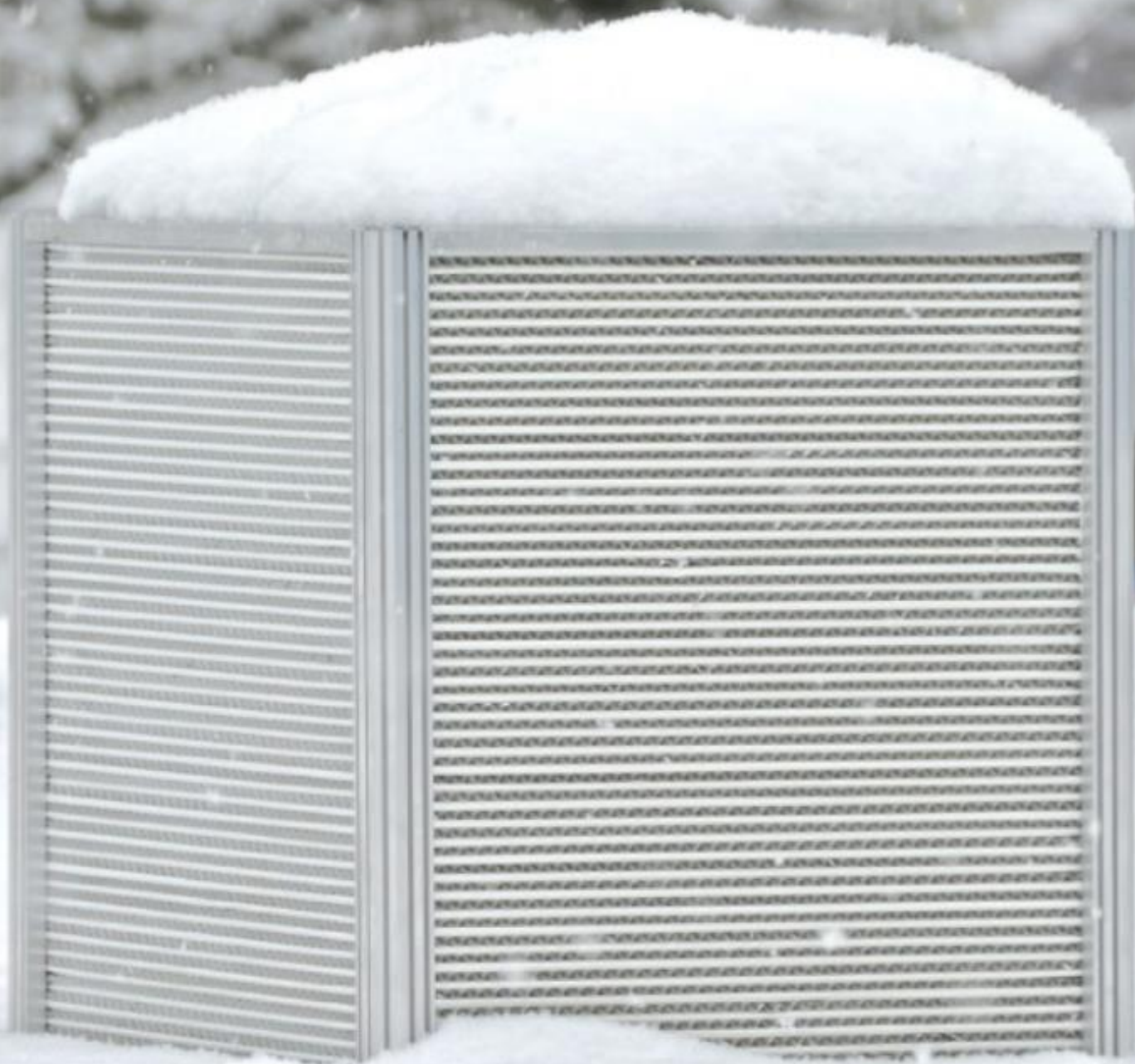


# Free Cooling & Economizing

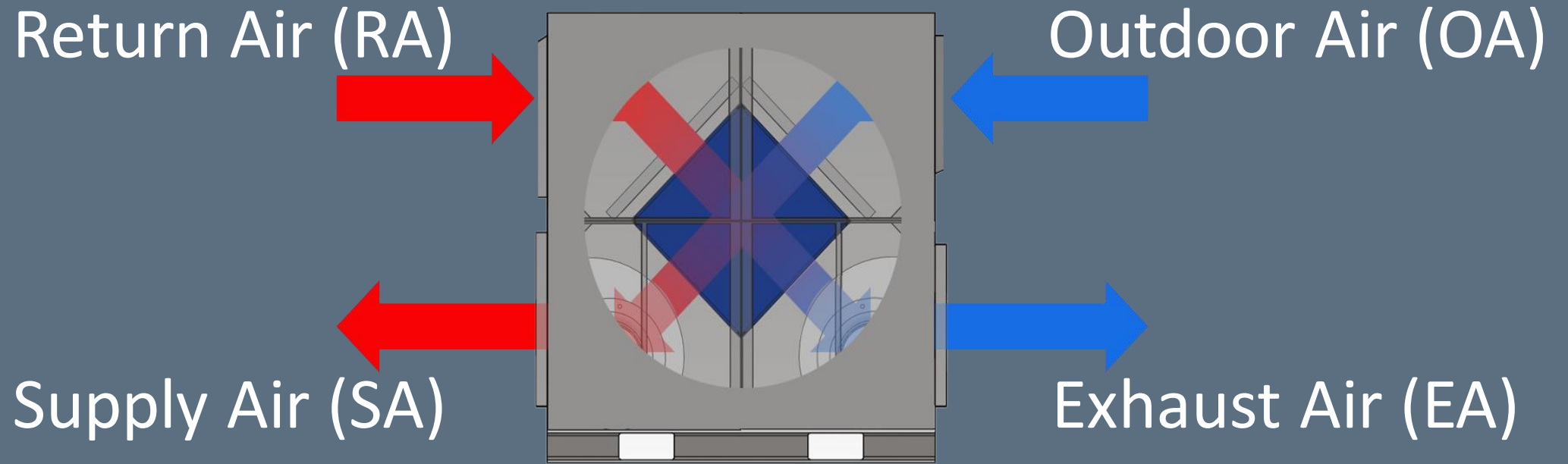
- ERV devices must allow for free cooling in shoulder seasons (OA= 55-65 F)
- Bypassing the ERV device is the most common strategy
- Face and bypass dampers modulate air passing through ERV
- An enthalpy setpoint on the supply air may be used to modulate face and bypass dampers



Thank You!



# Sensible Effectiveness



$$\varepsilon_s = \frac{\dot{m}_{SA}}{\dot{m}_{min}} \times \frac{T_{OA} - T_{SA}}{T_{OA} - T_{RA}}$$

# Sensible Effectiveness

Return Air (RA)

10,000 CFM  
75 F  
50% RH



Outdoor Air (OA)

10,000 CFM  
0 F  
80% RH

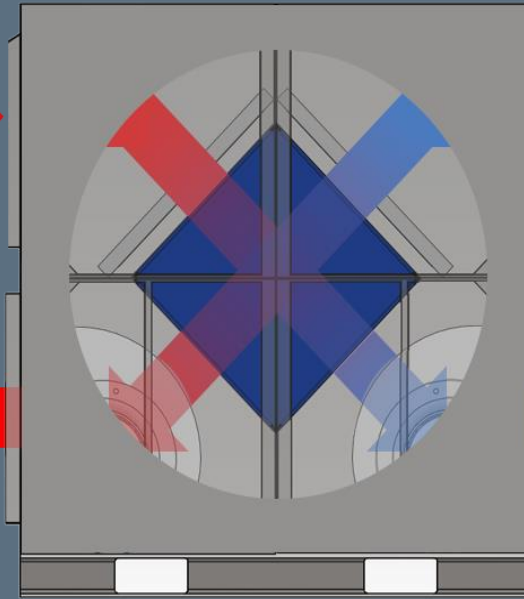


Supply Air (SA)

10,000 CFM  
55 F  
50% RH

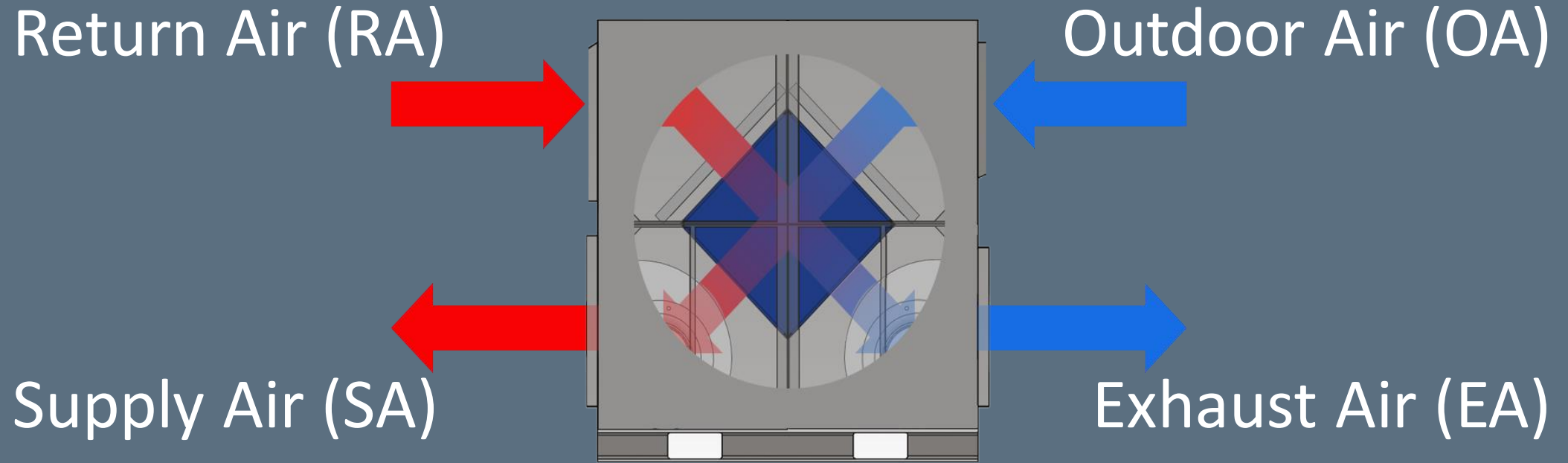


Exhaust Air (EA)



$$\epsilon_s = \frac{\dot{m}_{SA}}{\dot{m}_{min}} \times \frac{T_{SA} - T_{OA}}{T_{RA} - T_{OA}} = 1 \times \frac{55 - 0}{75 - 0} = 73\%$$

# Latent Effectiveness



$$\varepsilon_l = \frac{\dot{m}_{SA}}{\dot{m}_{min}} \times \frac{W_{SA} - W_{OA}}{W_{RA} - W_{OA}}$$



# Latent Effectiveness

Return Air (RA)

10,000 CFM  
75 F  
0.0092 lb/lb



Outdoor Air (OA)

10,000 CFM  
0 F  
0.00063 lb/lb

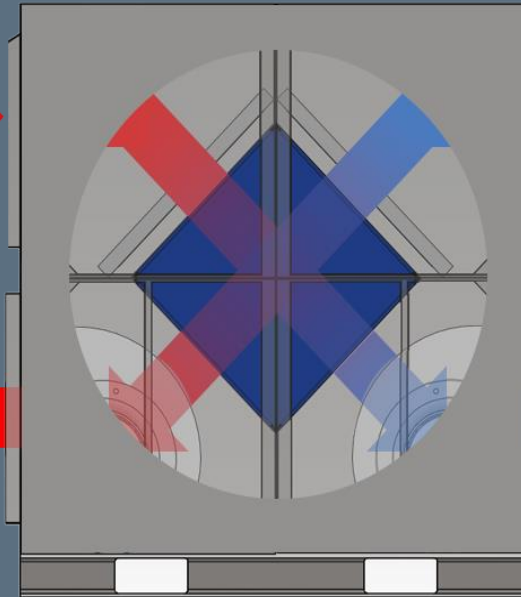


Supply Air (SA)

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55 F  
0.0049 lb/lb

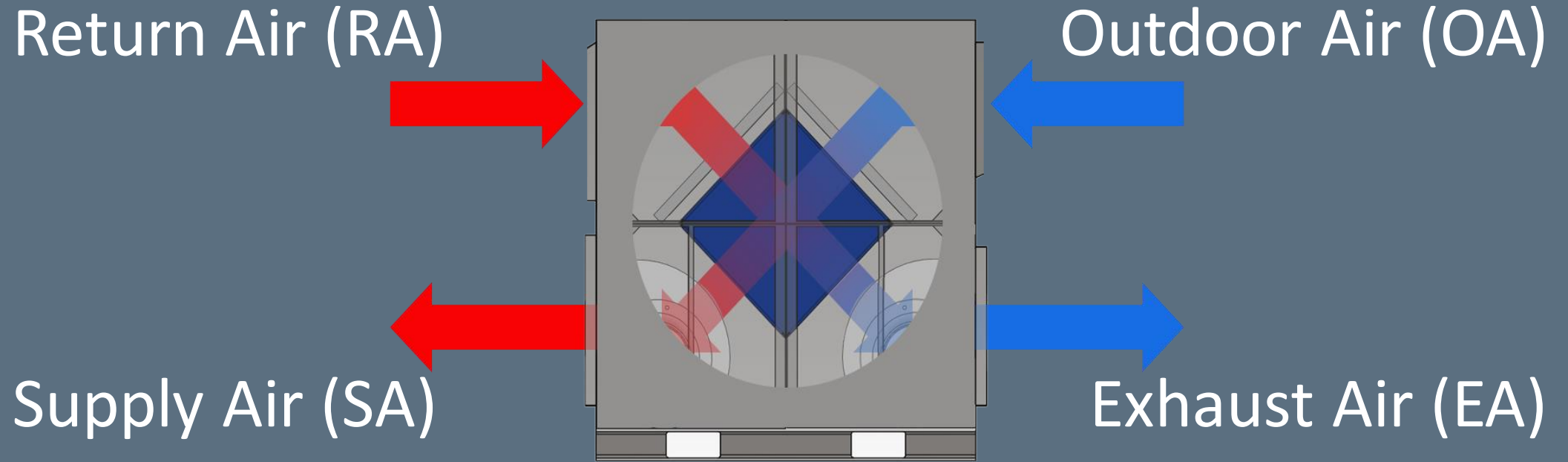


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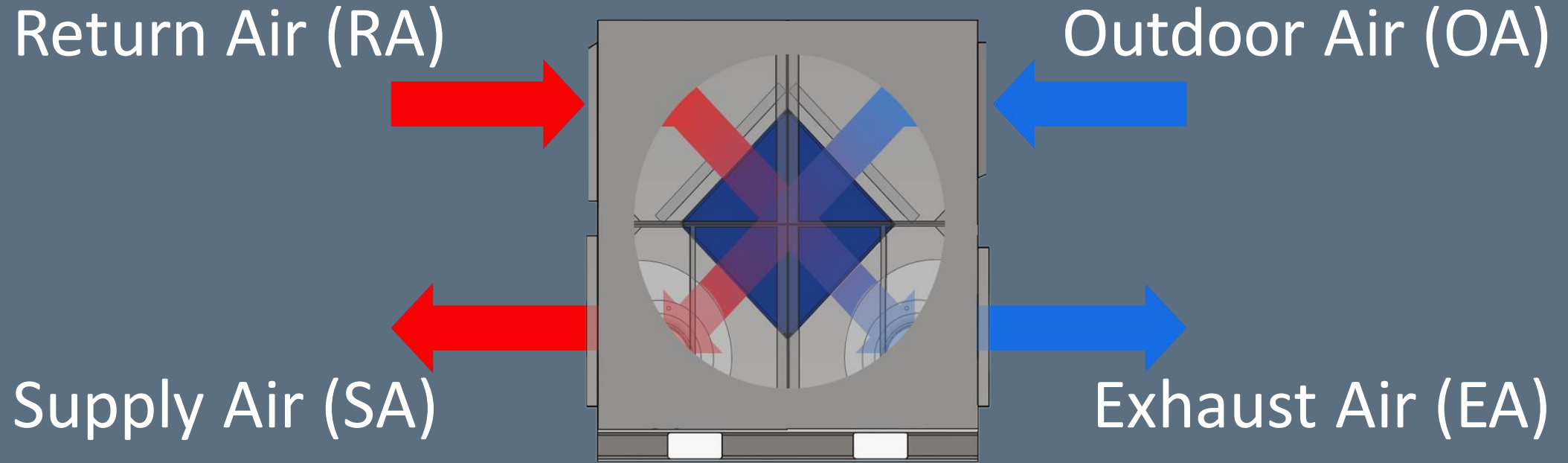
$$\epsilon_s = \frac{\dot{m}_{SA}}{\dot{m}_{min}} \times \frac{W_{SA} - W_{OA}}{W_{RA} - W_{OA}} = 1 \times \frac{0.0049 - 0.00063}{0.0092 - 0.00063} = 50\%$$

# Total Effectiveness



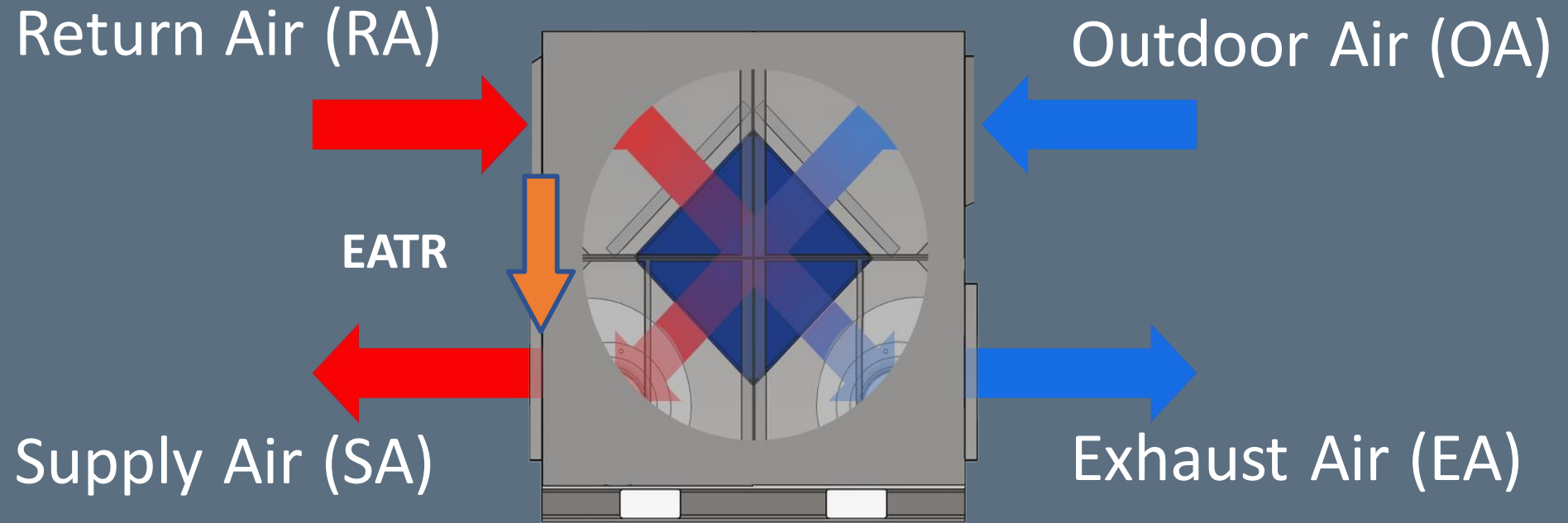
$$\varepsilon_l = \frac{\dot{m}_{SA}}{\dot{m}_{min}} \times \frac{h_{SA} - h_{OA}}{h_{RA} - h_{OA}}$$

# Enthalpy Recovery Ratio (90.1)



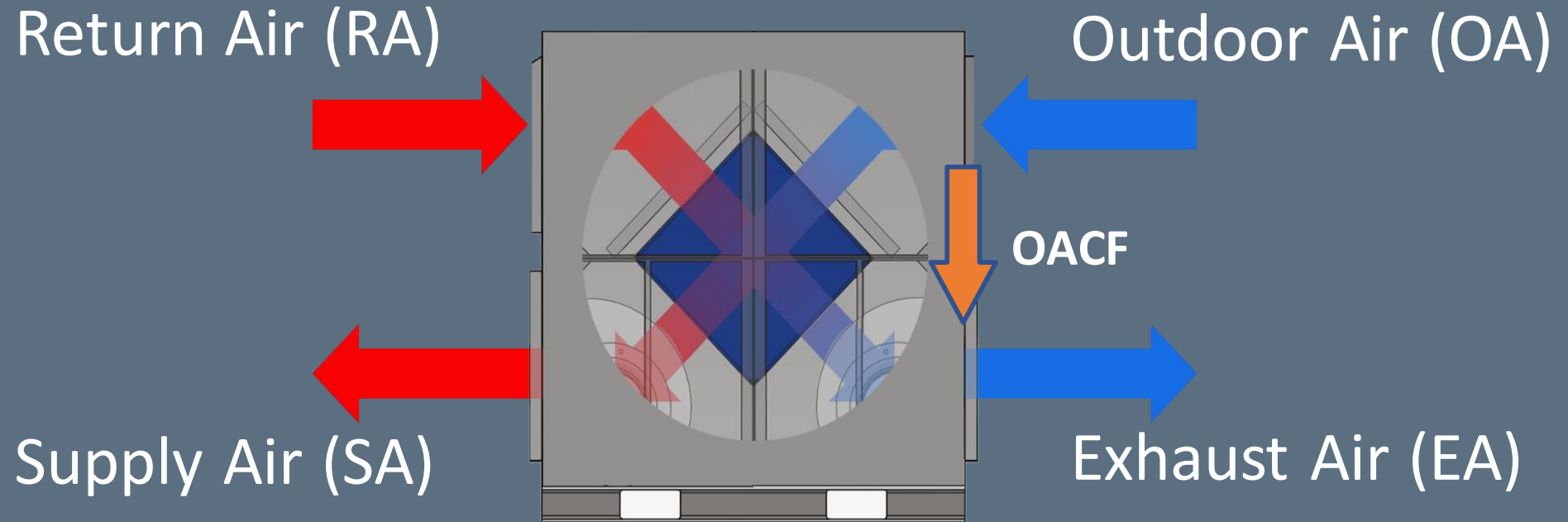
$$\varepsilon = \frac{h_{SA} - h_{OA}}{h_{RA} - h_{OA}}$$

# Exhaust Air Transfer Ratio (EATR)



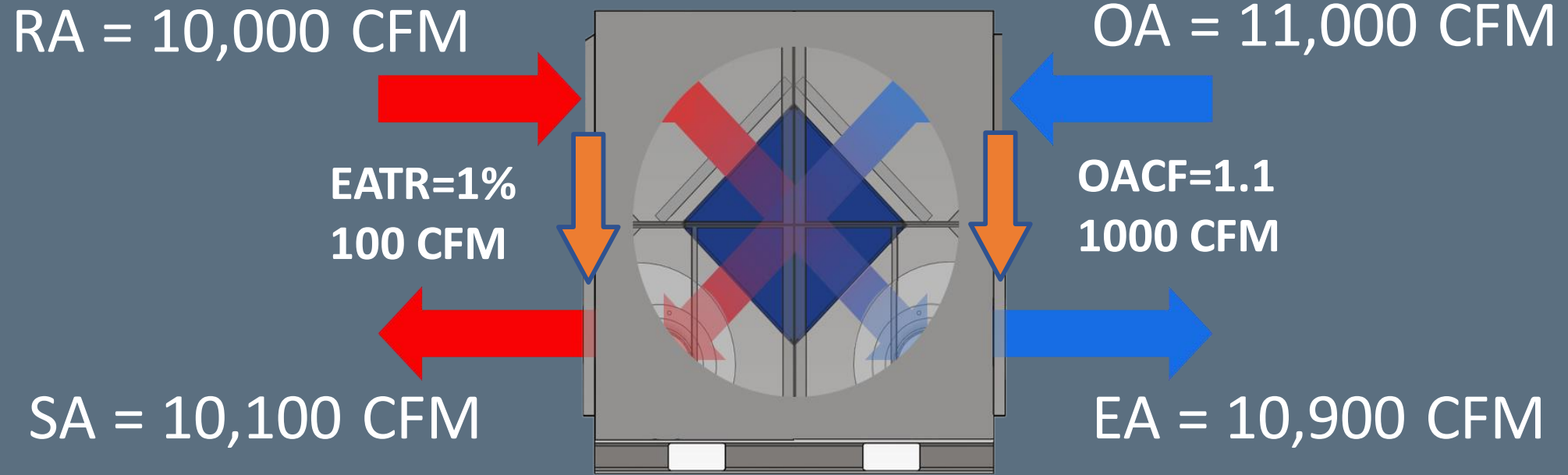
$$EATR = \frac{C_{SA} - C_{OA}}{C_{RA} - C_{OA}}$$

# Outdoor Air correction Factor (OACF)



$$OACF = \frac{CFM_{OA}}{CMF_{SA}}$$

# Outdoor Air correction Factor (OACF)



Supply Fan Must be sized =  $CFM_{SA} \times OACF$

Some products have OACF up to 1.7!

Minimum Cross Contamination =  $CFM_{OA} \times EATR$



# Fixed Plate Exchangers

## Flow Configurations

