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If You Can't Take the Heat Utilizing Heat Recovery Effectively

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- What is Waste Heat?
- How Waste Heat is captured
- Benefits of Heat Reclaim
- Heat Reclaim definitions
- Systems
- Products
- Example
- Heat Reclaim misapplied





Chilled Water HVAC System

- Heat is released to the atmosphere through cooling tower
- Unwanted heat is drawn from space or process



HOW WASTE HEAT IS CAPTURED?



Primary/Secondary Chilled Water System with the Heat Machine [3]

 Heat machine captures some of the wasted heat for useful purposes. Remainder is released through the cooling tower



WHY IS HEAT RECOVERY IMPORTANT?



* Includes Commercial and Residential buildings



ASHRAE 90.1-2010

Heat Recovery for Service Water Heating, Section § 6.5.6.2

- Operates 24 hours a day
- Total heat rejection exceeds 400 tons of chiller capacity (6,000,000 Btu of heat rejection)
- Service water-heating load exceeds 1,000,000 Btu/h

Capacity to provide the smaller of:

- 60% of the peak heat rejection load at design conditions or
- Preheat of the peak service hot water draw to 85°F.

Exceptions:

Use minimum 30% of peak condenser load at design conditions for space heating.

or

• 60% or more of service water heating from site solar or cogeneration, condensate subcooling, or solar panels.

Helps to earn LEED[®] points under EAc 1 ^{greendone} Maintain ASHRAE 90.1 compliance **Easy**



According to the Department of Energy what percentage of the US building energy consumption is space and water heating (HVAC and space heating)?

According to ASHRAE 90.1, what are the minimum building conditions that Heat Recovery is required in the building?

- A. 200 tons of chiller capacity and service water-heating load exceeds 5,000 Btu/h
- B. 500 tons of chiller capacity and service water-heating load exceeds 2,000,000 Btu/h
- C. 400 tons of chiller capacity and service water-heating load exceeds 1,000,000 Btu/h
- D. ASHRAE 90.1 recommends, but does not require heat recovery

HEAT RECLAIM BENEFITS

- Uses waste heat to save energy
- Consumes less power during simultaneous heating and cooling
 - Using less boiler power consumption
- Has many uses
 - Heating building
 - Heating service water
 - Heating process water
- Capable of producing potable water
- Viable applications include
 - Hotels, college dormitories, indoor swimming pools, commercial laundries, hospitals
- LEED[®] Project, EAc1 Points
 - Optimized energy performance

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Coefficient of Performance, the ratio of the output heat to the supplied work or

Where Q is the useful heat supplied by the condenser and W is the work consumed by the compressor.

Heat recovery not only captures sufficient heat for useful purposes, it also produces the additional benefit of chilled water.

 $COP_{Heat HR Chiller} = \frac{742.0 \text{ kW}}{185.2 \text{ kW}} = 4.0^*$

$$COP_{Heat \ Electric \ Boiler} = \frac{1 \ kW}{1 \ kW} = 1.0$$

 $COP_{Heat Gas Boiler} = \frac{.95 \text{ MBH}}{1 \text{ MBH}} = .95$

HR Chiller uses refrigeration effect to gain efficiency/savings versus a boiler

*Chiller at 130°F leaving condenser Water and 44°F leaving chilled water

Heat reclaim can chill water to 44F, while heating hot water to 140F for <u>1.48 kW/Ton</u>

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Over 2.6 kW/ton Savings!

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Heat Machine saves as much as VFD Chiller if just 10% of ton hours are heat recovery

CHILLER DEFINITIONS

- Cooling-Only
 - Standard water or air-cooled chiller
 - Leaving chilled water temp is controlled
- Heat Reclaim
 - Standard water or air-cooled chiller
 - Leaving chilled water temp is controlled
 - Reclaimed heat from condenser is used to produce hot water – not controlled
 - Reclaimed heat a function of cooing process
- Heat Machine
 - Water-cooled chiller option
 - Leaving hot water temp typically higher than cooling-only chiller
 - Leaving chilled water temp by-product of heating function – not controlled
 - Chilled water temp controlled by primary chiller downstream

HEAT RECOVERY DEFINITIONS

Two common ways to perform heat recovery

1. Desuperheater

- Refrigerant-to-water heat exchanger between compressor and condenser
 - Captures heat from superheated refrigerant
 - Provides uncontrolled hot water temp
 - Allows chiller to produce higher hot water temps
 - Transfer heat at discharge temp

 Only small quantity of heat is available since only superheat is removed from refrigerant (25% heat of compression)

HEAT RECOVERY DEFINITIONS

Two common ways to perform heat recovery

2. Full Condensing

- Refrigerant-to-water heat exchanger
 - Captures heat from refrigerant condensing process
 - Provides uncontrolled hot water temp
 - Hot water temp a function of the condensing temp
 - Larger quantity of heat is available compared to desuperheater

HEAT RECOVERY EXAMPLE

- 550,000 sq.ft. Medical use space (hospital and office space)
- Efficiency key matrix ٠
 - Maintain operability
 - Local Energy Incentives
- Simultaneous Heating and Cooling ٠ year around
- Humidity control with chilled water ٠ / reheat for hospital

Swedish Issaquah Hospital

- Peak CHW load 800 tons
- Peak HW Demand 5,000 MBH •

HEAT RECOVERY SEASONALITY

What size HR chiller?

Size to maximize use, not peak demand.

Boilers augment HR chiller for peak load

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HEAT RECOVERY EXAMPLE

Used a 300 ton HR chiller

Produces approximately 4,500 MBH of heating at maximum capacity

Increase the Mechanical budget by around 6%, \$500k savings per year

Enhance savings with HW storage tanks

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Six year simple payback (without external incentives)

Less than one year payback with incentives

Install two (2) identical High Efficiency (HE) chillers, each 260 tons.

What is the payback on CH-2?

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Install two (2) HR chillers.

What is the payback on CH-2?

Plant efficiency when you cannot utilize heat?

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Two HE chillers are the baseline for energy use.

Using a HE and HR chiller together sized appropriately saved 47% yearly energy consumption (in \$\$)

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Two HR chillers actually cost more in energy. Why? Optimize lift in the machine (1.5 kw/ton vs. .35 kw/ton)

Lift = Amount of compressor work needed to overcome differences between leaving condensing water and leaving chilled water temperatures

Lift (f) of SCT – SST

Lower Lift = Less Work = Lower kW

Minimize energy consumption

Maximizes energy savings!

Minimize LCWT, Maximize Efficiency

Heat Machine/Reclaim Operating Cost Estimator

Savings vary by application according to:

- Gas rate vs. electric rate
- Amount of heat recovery hours
- Hot water temperature
- Boiler efficiency and type
- Hydronic system design

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CONDENSER PIPING

Dual Heat / Cool Piping Schematic

Variable speed dedicated evaporator pump regulates chilled water temperature while chiller tracks heat load.

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CH-3 LCWT

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HEAT RECLAIM CHILLER

Chiller Room Piping Layout Diagram

Hot water demand profile:

Use ASHRAE Applications manual "Chapter 50" Service Water Heating.

Table 7 provides HW demands for various types of buildings.

Demand profile from Energy Analysis Size per lowest HW demand Size larger with storage tank (preferred)

Process load from customer.

HOW TO SIZE A HEAT MACHINE

Hot Water Demand Profile

Sizing the Heat Reclaim Chiller (one way):

- Dedicated reclaim chiller ٠
- Size always allows it to reject all heat into heat demand
- Trim heat demand with • hot water heaters

HOW TO SIZE A HEAT MACHINE

Hot Water Demand Profile

Sizing the Heat Reclaim Chiller (a better way):

- A larger dedicated heat reclaim chiller with preheat storage tank
- Size allows storage of heat during low demand for use at periods of high demand

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The Heat Reclaim Chiller in Heating Mode

- Controls the <u>Leaving Hot Water Temperature</u> and prevents overcooling of chilled water
- "Low Source Protection" feature prevents overcooling by reducing compressor stage if necessary
- Captures maximum heat while maintaining stable chiller plant operation

When using a desuperheater heat exchanger for heat recovery, you are maximizing your heat recovery potential.

A full condensing heat exchanger maximizes your heat recovery potential

The following are benefits of heat recovery except.

- A. Energy Savings
- B. Potential LEED[®] points
- C. Can provide domestic or heating hot water

D. Makes steam efficiently from the chiller

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