Design of Chiller for Air-Conditioning of Residential Building

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ABSTRACT

The main objective of the project is to design and draft a fully functional Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditional (HVAC) system for computer center. From residential to commercial structures such as apartments, laboratories, hospitals, etc., can be designed with HVAC components. HVAC is used to adjust the comfort level of both ambient temperature and air humidity to feel comfortable in enclosed spaces. As we want the heating, cooling, and ventilating system to perform well, we needed to start with an efficient duct design. In this project, we designed a duct system using the protocols based on ISHRAE (Indian Society of Heating Refrigeration and Air-conditioning Engineers) and ASHRAE (American Society of Heating Refrigeration and Air-conditioning Engineers) standards. The underlying principle was to design a duct system, which delivers the correct Cubic Feet per Minute (CFM) air flow to the residential building against the friction created by the ducts and fittings, with the static pressure available from the blower. When there is more surface area exposed to the air-flow from the blower, amount of friction will increase and the blower must work more competently to achieve the required air-flow. To provide greater air-flow by overcoming the friction, radius elbow ducts are used, which provides smooth radius ensuring uniformity of air flow, reduces turbulence which in-turn results in very low pressure drop. For Duct design calculations we used AUTO-DESK REVIT design software. For space references and calculations, Autodesk Revit plan was taken from the civil department and the position of duct was identified. Based on the obtained Heat Load Calculations and cubic feet per minute are calculated by using E-20 form sheet and by using ISHRAE handbook, duct sizes were design and chiller size was estimated for residential building.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Heat Ventilation and Air Conditioning

Air conditioning is used in most commercial properties, ranging from small shops and cafes to large office buildings and public spaces. To meet these diverse applications, air conditioning systems have different heating and cooling capacities and come with various setups and layouts. Many of our homes and most offices and commercial facilities would not become desirable without control of the indoor environment. The luxury label attached to air conditioning in earlier decades has given way to appreciate it practicality in making our lives healthier and more productive. Along with rapid development in improving human comfort came the realization that goods could be produced better, faster, and more economically in a properly controlled environment.

Working of Air Conditioning

An air conditioner cools and dehumidifies the air as it passes over a cold coil surface.

The indoor coil is an air-to-liquid heat exchanger with rows of tubes that pass the liquid through the coil. Finned surfaces connected to these tubes increase the overall surface area of the cold surface thereby increasing the heat transfer characteristics between the air passing over the coil and liquid passing through the coil. The type of liquid used depends on the system selected. Direct-expansion (DX) equipment uses refrigerant as the liquid medium. Chilled-water (CW) can also be used as a liquid medium. When the required temperature of a chilled water system is near the freezing point of water, freeze protection is added in the form of glycols or salts. Regardless of the liquid medium used, the liquid is delivered to the cooling coil at a cold temperature.

In the case of direct expansion equipment, the air passing over the indoor cooling coil heats the cold liquid refrigerant. Heating the refrigerant causes boiling and transforms the refrigerant from a cold liquid to a warm gas. This warm gas (or vapor) is pumped from the cooling coil to the compressor through a copper tube (suction line to the compressor) where the warm gas is compressed. In some cases, an accumulator is placed between the cooling coil and the compressor to capture unused liquid refrigerant and ensures that only vapor enters the compressor. The compression process increases the pressure of the refrigerant vapor and significantly increases the temperature of the vapor.
The compressor pumps the vapor through another heat exchanger (outdoor condenser) where heat is rejected, and the hot gas is condensed to a warm high-pressure liquid. This warm high-pressure liquid is pumped through a smaller copper tube (liquid line) to a filter (or filter/dryer) and then on to an expansion device where the high-pressure liquid is reduced to a cold, low pressure liquid. The cold liquid enters the indoor cooling coil and the process repeats.

**Types of air conditioning systems**

1. **Window Air Conditioner**
2. **Split Air Conditioner**
3. **Packaged Air Conditioner**
4. **Central Air Conditioning System**

**Window air conditioner**

Figure 1.1 shows window air conditioner is the most commonly used air conditioner for single rooms. In this air conditioner all the components, namely the compressor, condenser, expansion valve, evaporator and cooling coil are enclosed in a single box. This unit is fitted in a slot made in the wall of the room, or more commonly a window sill.

**Split air conditioner**

The split air conditioner comprises of two parts, the outdoor unit and the indoor unit (Figure 1.2). The outdoor unit fitted outside the room, it comprises the compressor, condenser and expansion valve. The indoor unit comprises the evaporator or cooling coil and the cooling fan. For this unit you don’t have to make any slot in the wall of the room. Further, present day split units have aesthetic appeal and do not take up as much space as a window unit. A split air conditioner can be used to cool one or two rooms [2].

**Packaged air conditioner**

An HVAC designer will suggest this type of air conditioner if you want to cool more than two rooms or a larger space at your home or office. The Figure 1.3 shows there are two possible arrangements with the package unit. In the first one, all the components, namely the compressor, condenser (which can be air cooled or water cooled), expansion valve and evaporator are housed in a single box. The cooled air is thrown by the high capacity blower, and it flows through the ducts laid through various rooms. In the second arrangement, the compressor and condenser are housed in one casing. The compressed gas passes through individual units, comprised of the expansion valve and cooling coil, located in various rooms.

**Central air conditioning system**

The Figure 1.4 shows central air conditioning is used for cooling big buildings, houses, offices, entire hotels, gyms, movie theaters, factories etc. If the whole building is to be air conditioned, HVAC engineers find that putting individual units in each of the rooms is very expensive making this a better option.

**Refrigerant**

A refrigerant is a substance or mixture, usually a fluid, used in a heat pump and refrigeration cycle.

Refrigeration is a process of moving heat from one location to another in controlled conditions. The work of heat transport is traditionally driven by mechanical work, but can also be driven by heat, magnetism, electricity, laser, or other means. In most cycles it undergoes phase transitions from a liquid to a gas and back again. Many working fluids have been used for such purposes Fluorocarbons, especially chlorofluorocarbons, became commonplace in the 20th century, gerents used in various applications are ammonia, sulfur dioxide, and non-halogenated but they are being phased out because of their ozone depletion effects. Other common refry hydrocarbons such as propane [4]. The first refrigerant used were ether, employed by Perkins in his hand-operated vapor-compression machine. In the earlier days, ethyl chloride was used as a refrigerant which soon gave way to ammonia as early as in 1875. A great breakthrough occurred in the field of refrigerants for centrifugal machines.

**Types of refrigerants**

The most common types of refrigerants in use nowadays are presented below.

Halocarbons are generally synthetically produced. Depending on whether they include chemical elements hydrogen (H), carbon (C), chloride (Cl) and Fluorine (F) they are named after as follows:

- CFCs (Chlorofluorocarbons): R11, R12, R113, R114, R115
- HFCs (Hydro chlorofluorocarbons): R22, R123
- HCFCs (Hydro fluorocarbons): R134a, R404a, R407c,
- R410.

**Duct system**

Ducts are conduits or passages used in heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) to deliver and remove air. The Figure 1.6 shows needed airflows include, for example, supply air, return air, and exhaust air. Ducts commonly also deliver ventilation air as part of the supply air. As such, air ducts are one method of ensuring acceptable indoor air quality as well as thermal comfort.

Process ductwork conveys large volumes of hot, dusty air from processing equipment to mills, bughouses to other process equipment.

Process ductwork may be round or rectangular. Although round duct work costs more to fabricate than rectangular duct work, it requires fewer stiffeners and is favored in many applications over rectangular ductwork.

The air in process duct work may be at ambient conditions or may operate at up to 900 °F (482 °C). Process ductwork varies in size from 2 ft diameter to 20 ft diameter or to perhaps 20 ft by 40 ft rectangular.

Large process ductwork may fill with dust, depending on slope, to up to 30% of cross section, which can weigh 2 to 4 tons per linear foot.

Round ductwork is subject to duct suction collapse and requires stiffeners to minimize this. But is more efficient on material than rectangular duct work. Duct Material

Galvanized steel (Zn coated) it should be carbon content not more than 0.15% and G60 or G90 are usually used in duct network Stainless steel Types 304 and 316, with 2B finish. Types 304L and 316L have lower carbon content for better welding. Type 316 is used for kitchen hoods.
Aluminum ductwork is normally 3003 alloys 14 temper per ASTM B 209 with dimensional tolerances of ANSI Standard H 35.2. Normally 6061 alloy T6 temper per SMACNA’s HVAC-DCS (for rectangular ducts for 3 in. w.g. or less).

Cold-rolled copper ducts are rarely used. Beryllium copper grade C17000 with TH04 temper are used.

Fiber glass is used as an insulating material and fabric of these are used directly as in duct design. Carbon fiber can also be used in duct design where high strength is needed and lightweight required.

**Duct Fittings**

There are mainly 6 types of fittings used in Duct designing

**Shoe piece or Collar**

**Elbow**

**Trouser**

**Three-Way Duct**

A chiller is a machine that removes heat from a liquid via a vapor-compression or absorption refrigeration cycle. This liquid can then be circulated through a heat exchanger to cool equipment, or another process stream (such as air or process water). As a necessary by-product, refrigeration creates waste heat that must be exhausted to ambience, or for greater efficiency, recovered for heating purposes.

Chilled water is used to cool and dehumidify air in mid- to large-size commercial, industrial, and institutional facilities.
Water chillers can be water-cooled, air-cooled, or evaporatively cooled. Water-cooled systems can provide efficiency and environmental impact advantages over air-cooled systems. There are two types of liquid chillers. The former has refrigerant in the shell and liquid to be chilled in the tubes where the latter has refrigerant in the tubes and liquid to be chilled in the shell. When the refrigerant is in the shell, the refrigerant liquid level is so kept that there is enough space on the top portion of the shell for the liquid and vapour to separate. Vapours are drawn from the top portion by the compressor. Liquid level must be maintained constant as the chilled tubes are also immersed in the refrigerant liquid.

**USE IN AIR CONDITIONING**

In air conditioning systems, chilled water is typically distributed to heat exchangers, or coils, in air handlers or other types of terminal devices which cool the air in their respective space(s). The water is then recirculated to the chiller to be recooled. These cooling coils transfer sensible heat and latent heat from the air to the chilled water, thus cooling and usually dehumidifying the air stream. A typical chiller for air conditioning applications is rated between 15 and 2000 tons, and at least one manufacturer can produce chillers capable of up to 5,200 tons of cooling. Chilled water temperatures can range from 35 to 45 °F (2 to 7 °C), depending upon application requirements.[4]

When the chillers for air conditioning systems are not operable or they are in need of repair or replacement, emergency chillers may be used to supply chilled water. Rental chillers are mounted on a trailer so that they can be quickly deployed to the site.

### II. Plan layout

![Figure 14 civil plan.](image)

**Location and Thermal Conditions**

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**Materials (Civil Building Material)**

Many materials are used for the building such as material for walls (i.e. Concrete hollow blocks, Cement, sand etc). Wall materials (types of glass), Doors (type of door, i.e. wooden, glass etc), material for roof, floor, and partition wall. So for this 3 floor project specifications we have list of materials to be utilized by civil contractor.

**WINDOW MATERIALS**

Ordinary glass- outside awing (vented sides top) medium color. Dimensions of window (L×B): **5ft×3ft**.

**DOOR MATERIALS**

Wooden Door are utilized for this project. Dimension of Door (L×B): **7ft×3ft**.

**MASONARY WALL MATERIAL**

Solid brick by falls and commands of the 123/18|| plastic on wall sepsis‘ board

**MASONARY PARTITION WALL MATERIAL**

Concrete blocks of with lightweight aggregate of 1/2|| plaster 6|| thick

**MASONARY FLOOR MATERIAL**

Slab of sand aggregate of 8|| thick and ½|| lightweight plastic with no furring.

**TRANSMISSION COEFFICIENT ΔU**

Transmission coefficient value changes for each type of material used for civil building. So as per ISHRAE/ASHRAE standards, see below data table of transmission coefficient for different materials used for our project.

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<td>Roof</td>
<td>0.30</td>
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<td>0.20</td>
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<td>Floor</td>
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**BUILDING INFORMATION**

Lighting load for the application will be provided by the client and concern department for electrical. If client doesn’t provided that considered from the standard electrical data book.

**For residential:**

1 to 1.25w/s.ft

**For commercial:**

1.25 to 1.5w/s.ft

**For industrial:**

1.5 to 2.0 w/s.ft

**Equipment Load**

Equipment load is categorized either w.r.t the wattage of the Equipment per area depending on the application. The star dart equipment load varies from 0.5w/s.ft to 0.9 w/s.ft depending on application.
People Load
The no of people occupying the space for residential application is considered w.r.t type for other application the no of people are considered from seating arrangement is given then no of people is considered as 1 person for 30.

III. DUCT DESIGN
Single Line Diagrams

Figure 18 Ground Floor SLD

Figure 19 First Floor SLD

Figure 20 Second Floor SLD

Double Line Diagrams

Figure 21 Ground Floor DLD

Figure 22 First Floor DLD

Figure 23 Second Floor DLD

Figure 24 3D Diagram of Ducting of Residential Building

Single Line Diagrams

Figure 25 First Floor DLD

Figure 26 Second Floor DLD

3D Diagram of Ducting of Residential Building
IV. RESULTS
Below results will show that CFM flow rate and TR values of all the Floors and all the Rooms are listed below.

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V. CONCLUSION
From the above calculations the estimated values are 12734.19 CFM air supply and 24.81 TR capacity machine required. For this Trane CGAM Chiller unit was used to maintain proper air conditioning. It is suitable for 12000-18000 CFM flow rate and 25-28 TR capacity. In this work the calculated CFM values of each room in each floor by using the E-20 Excel sheets and TR values of each room were calculated.

The Capacity of unit required is 24.81 TR approximately but used 25-28 TR machine to avoid the fluctuations in the working.

Based on the obtained CFM for each room and for all the floors the Duct Design was done by using AUTO DEK REVIT software. All the diagrams were shown in the civil plan. Thus we can reach to a conclusion that our estimated values are enough to establish the air conditioning system in the required. For this Trane CGAM Chiller unit was used to avoid unnecessary losses. This is one of the most well designed and most useful methods in the present day installations.

VI. REFERENCES


