INDOOR AIR QUALITY
AIR FLOW MEASURING CONTROL DAMPER
Model: IAQ-42
Why is outside air measurement important?

There are many significant benefits to monitoring outside air volumes. First, by measuring the amount of outside air coming into a building you can be assured that the building is complying with all applicable indoor air quality codes including ASHRAE Standard 62 and California Title 24. Meeting these minimum requirements reduces indoor airborne viruses and bacteria which can lead to Sick Building Syndrome. Studies have shown that buildings that are under ventilated suffer from reduced productivity levels.

The second major advantage to monitoring outside air volumes is that it eliminates costly over ventilation. In addition to increased energy costs associated with heating and cooling of outside air, over ventilation causes an increase in humidity that can result in mold development.

Where should an air measuring damper be used?

Exhaust Air
In this application an air measuring control damper is used to measure and control outdoor air intake while a second air measuring control damper is used to measure and control the exhaust flow. The set point for the exhaust air damper would track the flow of the outdoor air damper (minus a differential if positive building pressure is desired.)

Mixed Air
In this application, an air measuring control damper is used to measure and control outdoor air intake while a second air measuring control damper is used to control the mixed air temperature. Normally an averaging sensor is required for mixed-air temperature control because the large temperature differences between return air and outdoor air cause stratification. The mixed air temperature is calculated from the flows and temperatures measured by each damper eliminating the measurement problem caused by stratification.

Outside Air
In this application, an air measuring control damper provides outdoor air control based on a demand signal. The demand signal could be determined by a set schedule or by occupancy sensors. Examples of demand signals are carbon dioxide (CO2) concentration, a binary signal from a motion detector, or a manual switch.

Why is Factory Calibration important?

Every IAQ-42 damper is factory calibrated before shipping. A certification chart is provided with every damper. You can be assured of the most accurate airflow readings possible.

The IAQ-42 is available with or without a factory calibrated controller. The Speciflow™ technology built into the controller measures the pressure, position of the damper blades, and the temperature of the air flowing through the damper. From these readings, the controller computes the airflow rate and adjusts the damper blades accordingly.
What is the IAQ-42?

IAQ-42 is an air measuring control damper that utilizes patented Speciflow™ technology. The IAQ-42 will control air to prevent over-ventilation, provide energy savings during periods of low occupancy, and prevent under-ventilation not meeting ASHRAE Standard 62. The Speciflow™ technology built into the controller measures the pressure, position of the damper blades, and the temperature of the air flowing through the damper.

The IAQ-42 can help buildings meet the minimum outdoor air requirements of ASHRAE Standard 62 or California Title 24 by providing accurate monitoring and control of outside air. You can earn LEED-EB credits for air monitoring, increased ventilation, and ultra low leakage.

The IAQ-42 meets IECC (International Energy Conservation Code®) requirements with a leakage rating of 3 cfm/ft² @ 1 in. wg (55cm³/m² @ .25 kPa) or less.

What is the benefit of the IAQ-42 over the competition?

The IAQ-42 has a number of advantages over the competition:

- By integrating the pressure pickups with the control damper, the pressure signal is increased at low velocities making the unit more accurate in non-uniform flow conditions.
- Locating the pickups on the blade amplifies the pressure signal which increases the accuracy of readings.
- The pickups can easily be repaired or replaced.
- The small size of the pickups add minimal pressure drop to the system.
- The controller with Speciflow™ technology automatically compensates for the effect of air temperature on air density.
- The controller with Speciflow™ technology can operate stand alone or integrated with a DDC building control system.

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This table shows the benefits of the IAQ-42 versus competitor’s models.
In a typical ventilation system, there is a separate damper and airflow monitor. The airflow monitor needs to be a certain distance from the damper (formula driven). The IAQ-42 with a straightener is mounted in a sleeve; the spacing doesn’t change based on the size that you need. The total space required is 12 inches (305mm)! The IAQ-42 with a 4 inch (101mm) or 6 inch (152mm) louver needs 16 inches (406mm) of space.

As air heats up it gets lighter. If this change in air density is not taken into consideration the monitoring device will allow too much hot outside air into the building, thus unnecessarily increasing the cooling load. On a hot summer day outside air temperatures coming off of a black tar roof can easily reach over 120° F (49°C). Without temperature compensation, an airflow-monitoring device would be telling the system to allow about 5% more air into the building than is desired. For an air-handler with an outside air design load of 20,000 cfm (101 m/s), this could cost a facility $500 per year. In parts of the country where dynamic utility rates will be used, the penalty for a 20,000 cfm (101 m/s) outdoor air load would be $750 per year. In addition to increasing energy costs, over-ventilation in humid climates could cause excessively high indoor humidity, which could promote the growth of mold.

The opposite is true as air cools down and gets heavier. In cold climates outside air temperatures can reach -40° F (-40°C). This condition can lead to under-ventilation. An airflow-measuring device that does not compensate for temperature changes would measure 11% more outside air than is actually coming into the building. Under-ventilation from lack of temperature compensation will occur at the same time as cold and flu season.

**IAQ-42 can save you space!**

Example:
If the opening is 36 inches W x 36 inches H (914mm x 914mm), the space between the damper and airflow monitor would be 18 inches (457mm). If you add in the damper depth, 5 inches (127mm), and air monitor depth, 8 inches (203mm), you would need 31 inches (787mm) of space.

The IAQ-42 with straightener takes only 12 inches (305mm) of space and it doesn’t change! That saves 19 inches (483mm) of space!

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