DH Series

Desiccant Dehumidification System



Model DH100

Installation, Operation & Maintenance Manual



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1.0 DESCRIPTION

The DESICAIR DH Series Desiccant Dehumidifier was developed specifically for military storage applications. The unit produces dry air in the storage space to increase readiness, prevent corrosion, reduce maintenance, and improve Mean Time Between Failure (MTBF) for electronic systems. With a

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Figure 1 – DH100 Interior Layout

process air flow of 100 SCFM and a dehumidification capacity of up to two pounds per hour moisture removal, this unit is suited to a broad range of other industrial applications as well.

The major components of this dehumidification package are the desiccant dehumidification wheel, two PTC electric resistance regeneration heaters, and a compact radial blower for each of the two air streams. Other elements include a small drive motor and belt (to rotate the wheel through the two air streams), and a control panel based on a standardized humidistat and a customized printed circuit board.

1.1 PRINCIPLE OF OPERATION

The operation of a desiccant dehumidification system is driven by two counter current air streams (Process and Regeneration) flowing through the wheel. Air from the conditioned space is drawn through the desiccant wheel by the Process Blower. The desiccant adsorbs moisture from the air stream and the blowers return the dry Supply Air to the conditioned space. The moisture containing portion of the wheel is rotated into a separate air stream to be regenerated. Fresh air for the Regeneration Air stream is drawn through a pair of electric resistance heaters in series. The heated air is then drawn through the wheel before being discharged outside of the conditioned space by the Exhaust Regen Blower. The desiccant releases the adsorbed moisture (desorbs) into the heated Regeneration Air stream, leaving a reactivated desiccant to be rotated back into the Process Air stream. Wheel rotation is continuous between the two air streams, alternately adsorbing moisture from the conditioned space and desorbing moisture into the Exhaust Air stream outside of the conditioned space.

1.2 DESIGN

The housing of the DH100 and all of the components used in the design are constructed of solid materials selected to withstand rugged use in a wide variety of applications. The interior of the DH100 is laid out to minimize pressure drop through the wheel and to reduce the overall unit size. The low speed, low noise, slimline blowers have a backward inclined design for high pressure, high flow output. The PTC type regeneration heaters in the DH100 are UL approved and operate with a maximum surface temperature of 400°F. The heart of the DH100 control system is a printed circuit board interfaced with a standard commercial humidistat.

The internal housing for the desiccant wheel is a rigid, twin plate design which allows easy access to the wheel and also serves to enhance the structural integrity of the entire unit. The desiccant wheel is split 50/50 between the process and regeneration air streams in order to allow for low temperature operation. The drive system consists of a miniature gear motor with ball bearings and a self tensioning urethane belt. For the lowest possible maintenance, the twin-plate wheel housing is designed to operate without contact seals on the face of the wheel.

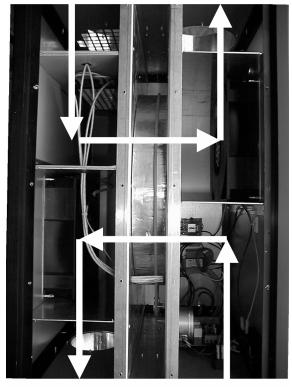


Photo 1 – Interior Layout of DH100 showing Regen Air Flow (top) and Process Air Flow (bottom).

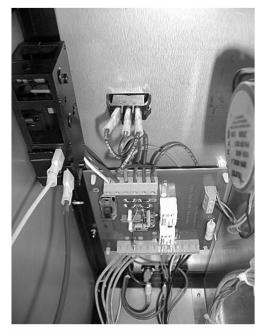


Photo 2 – DH100 Circuit Board (center) and standard Humidistat (top left)

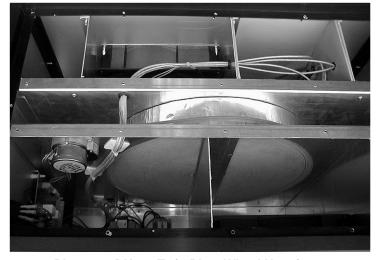


Photo 3 - DH100 Twin Plate Wheel Housing

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2.0 INSTALLATION

The DH100 Desiccant Dehumidifier is designed to be a free-standing, stand-alone unit. While the DH100 is normally installed to operate inside the space to be conditioned, with proper ducting, the unit can also be installed to operate outside the space. Whatever installation location is selected, it is recommended that the DH100 be installed so that the front control panel and the power connection are easily accessible.

IMPORTANT - In any installation, the wheel is designed to operate in the vertical orientation.

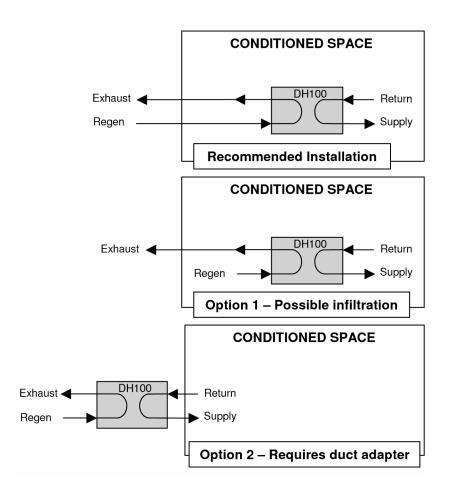
<u>IMPORTANT</u> - To achieve proper operation of the unit, the Supply Air must always be connected to discharge into the conditioned space, and the Exhaust Air must always be connected to discharge outside the conditioned space.

<u>IMPORTANT</u> - With or without duct connections, it is important that the air flow in and out of the unit be unimpeded. For optimum operation, it is recommended that there be 12 inches clearance in front of both inlet and outlet air streams of the DH100.

2.1 EXAMPLES

Shown are several examples of the DH100 as it might be installed for different applications. Note that the Exhaust is outside the Conditioned Space in each example and the Supply Air always discharges into the Conditioned Space. Best performance will be obtained using the Recommended Installation. Care should be exercised with optional installations.

NOTE: As Option 2 indicates, if the DH100 is installed outside the conditioned space, a duct adapter needs to be fashioned for the top of the unit to duct the Return Air.

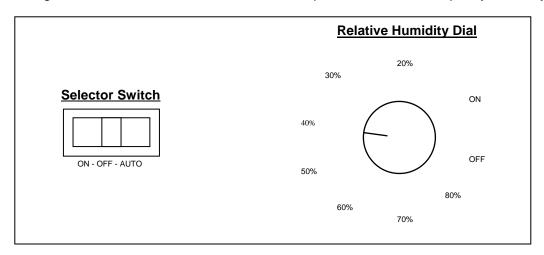


3.0 OPERATION AND CONTROL

The controls for the DH unit are all located at the front of the unit. Also, the power cord for the unit is attached through the front panel. Once the dehumidifier is connected to the proper power source, it is ready to run. The DH unit can be run in a manual or an automatic mode.

3.1 AUTOMATIC CONTROL

The controlling humidistat is wired directly to the DH unit printed circuit board. For operation in the automatic mode, turn the selector switch to "AUTO" and set the %RH to the desired percent relative humidity on the dial. The "standard" %RH setting for the DH unit in "AUTO" is 40%, however, the unit is designed to control at whatever %RH is set, up to the maximum capacity of the system.



3.2 MANUAL OPERATION

For manual operation, place the selector switch in the "ON" position. In the manual mode the humidistat is bypassed and the unit will run continuously, dehumidifying to the maximum capacity based on the conditions of the inlet air.

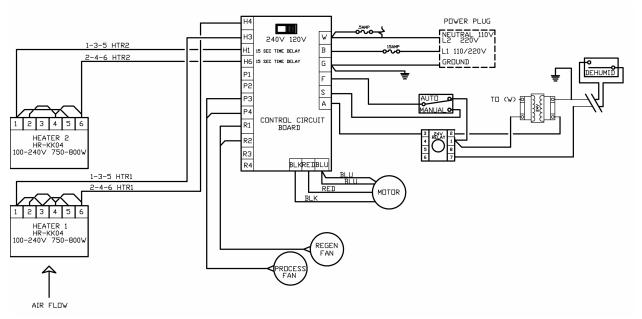


Figure 2 - DH100 Wiring Diagram



3.2.1 First Time Start Up of the DH100

- 1. Be sure that there are no obstructions to the free flow of air in and out of the unit.
- 2. Set the Selector Switch to "OFF" and plug the DH unit into an appropriate electrical outlet.
- 3. Turn the Selector Switch to "ON" and confirm rotation of the desiccant wheel visually by removing the inlet filter and looking through the grill of the Return Air inlet. Replace the inlet filter.
- 4. Confirm operation of the Process Blower by feeling air flow at the Supply Air Outlet on the end of the unit near the power cord. Confirm operation of the Regen Blowers by feeling air flow at the Exhaust Air Outlet at the opposite end of the unit.
- 5. The unit is now ready for routine operation.

3.2.2 Normal Operation of the DH100

- 1. For continuous, manual operation Set Selector Switch to "ON".
- 2. For automatic operation, with humidistat control Set Selector Switch to "AUTO" and Set RH Dial to 40% (standard) or other desired setting.
- 3. To turn the unit off Set the Selector Switch to "OFF".

3.2.3 Maintenance

The only routine maintenance required for the DH unit is the cleaning and/or replacement of the inlet air filter pads.

Return Air Inlet - Clean every 3 months; Replace every 12 months Regen Air Inlet - Clean every 3 months; Replace every 12 months

NOTE: Maintenance intervals can vary significantly based on the environment. When operating the unit under extreme or unusual conditions, such as a very dusty or sandy location, it may be necessary to reduce the maintenance intervals indicated.

3.3 TROUBLESHOOTING

PROBLEM	CAUSE	SOLUTIONS
Entire unit is not running	Unit is in "AUTO" and the humidistat control has turned unit off	Check operation of unit by switching to manual "ON". If unit comes on, switch back to "AUTO" to resume normal operation.
	No power to unit	Check main power supply.
		Check fuse on front panel. Replace if necessary.
Unit running, but not dehumidifying	Heater not operating	Check for warm air at Exhaust Air Outlet; if not warm, consult factory.
	One or more fans not operating	Confirm balanced high volume air flow from both Supply and Exhaust Air Outlets See Section 3.2.1.4. If low flow or unbalanced flow, consult factory.
	Wheel not rotating	Confirm rotation of wheel See Section 3.2.1.3. If wheel is not rotating, consult factory.
	Air flow blocked	Remove any obstructions at all air inlets and outlets and allow unobstructed air flows to and from unit.
		Check and clean both air inlet filters, as required.
	Exhaust Air Duct leaking or improperly returning moist exhaust to conditioned space.	Ensure all Exhaust Air is ducted outside of the conditioned space.

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4.0 TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Process Volume: 100 CFM
Moisture Removal (lbs/hr): 2.0*
Heater Watts: 1350
ESP Process (in wc): 0.3"
ESP Regen. (in wc): 0.3"

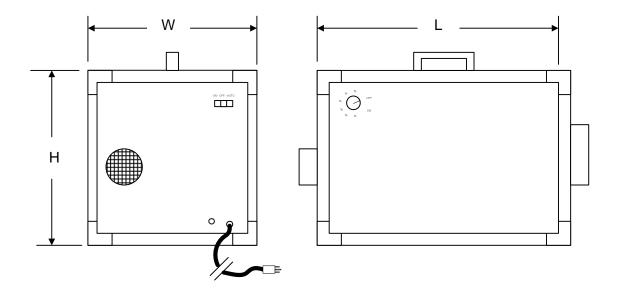
Utilities: 115V/60 Hz/, 1 ph

Full Load Amps: . 13.0

4.1 PHYSICAL DATA

Size: Weight:

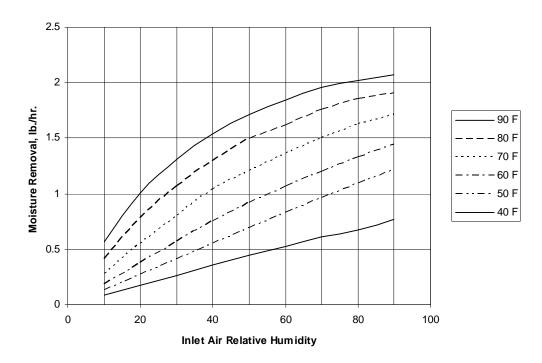
L 25.25" x W 15.94" x H 17.07" 42 lbs.



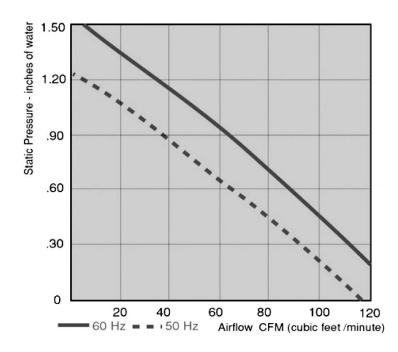
^{* @ 90°}F/75% RH inlet conditions. See the Capacity Diagram, Section 4.2, to determine the moisture removal rate for your particular application.

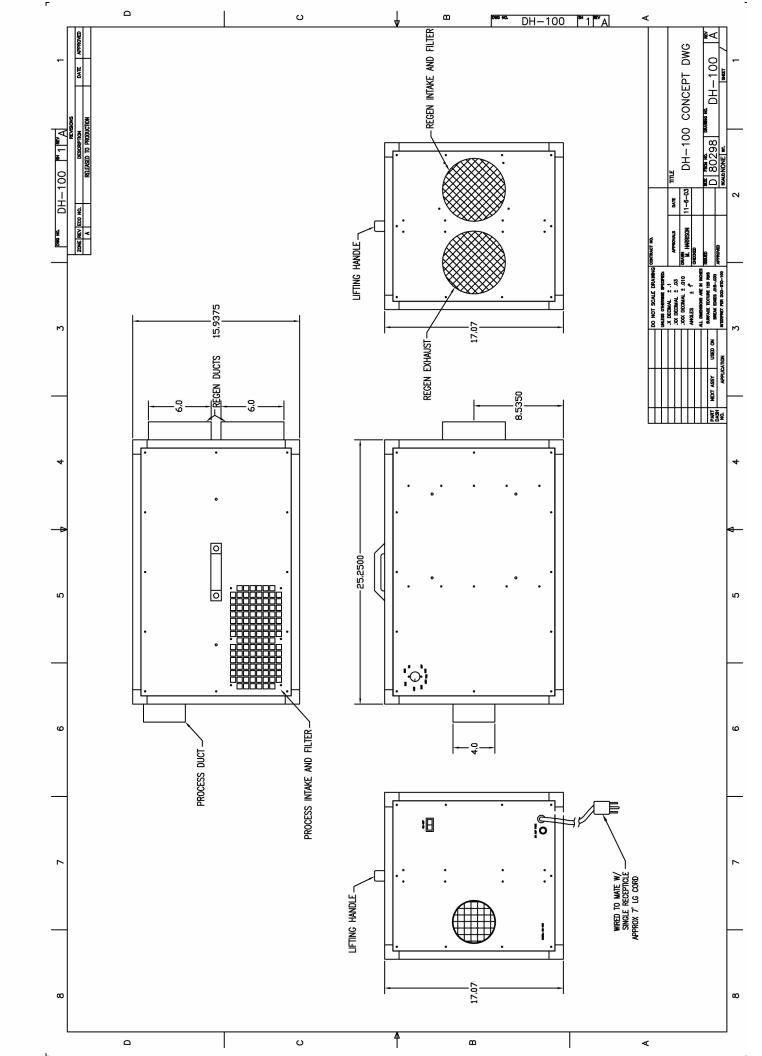
4.2 CAPACITY DIAGRAM- DH100

DESICAIR DH100 Performance



4.3 FAN CURVE (DH100)







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