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Trends and Gauges

### System Schematic

VAV System Mode: Occupied  
AHU Mode: Occupied

Return Air Humidity: 51.0%  
Return Air Temperature: 75.0°F

Outside Airflow: 3,200 cfm  
Setpoint: 3,200 cfm

Discharge Air Temp: 48.0° F  
Setpoint: 48.0° F  
Supply Fan Airflow: 8,500 cfm

Ventilation Optimization Status: Active  
Ventilation Optimization Critical Zone: Ned Office  
Fan Pressure Optimization Status: Active  
Fan Pressure Optimization Critical Zone: Susan Office

0%

68%

Duct Static Pressure: 1.1 in. (H<sub>2</sub>O)  
Setpoint: 1.1 in. (H<sub>2</sub>O)



# Intelligent Variable Air

An EarthWise™ System from Trane  
for chilled-water applications



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Trane EarthWise Systems are comprehensive approaches to HVAC system design that support what is best for the building, right for the environment and good for business.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency identified four critical attributes for HVAC systems: higher efficiency, lower overall emissions, with documented and sustainable performance. Trane EarthWise Systems deliver all four by leveraging high-efficiency HVAC equipment and pre-packaged advanced controls to optimize whole system design and operation.

**Higher efficiency.** With higher energy costs on the horizon, building owners should be making plans to mitigate the impact on operating expenses. An obvious place to start is with one of the biggest energy consumers in the building: the HVAC system. EarthWise Systems reduce energy costs associated with comfort cooling and heating, and ensure that your system complies with all applicable codes and standards.

**Low emissions.** Efficiency leads to low emissions, both from direct and indirect sources at the building site and back at the power plant. Using well-designed products and construction methods aimed at creating tight systems, direct emissions are kept to a minimum. Efficient EarthWise System designs and optimized control strategies keep the indirect emissions at the power plant to a minimum.

**Documented.** Designing and operating for code compliance can be a daunting task.

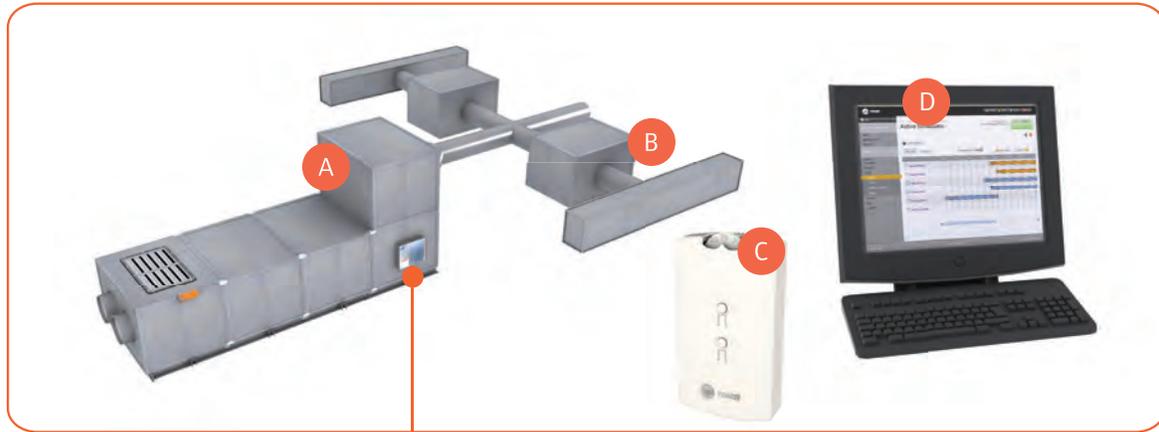
It's critical that your system not only meet the requirements, but also document your compliance. EarthWise Systems pre-packages many code-mandated control requirements into Trane's Tracer™ controls, simplifying code compliance and documentation.

**Sustainable.** EarthWise Systems deliver operational efficiencies that support sustainable building performance and make it easy to do the right thing for your building, the environment and your bottom line.

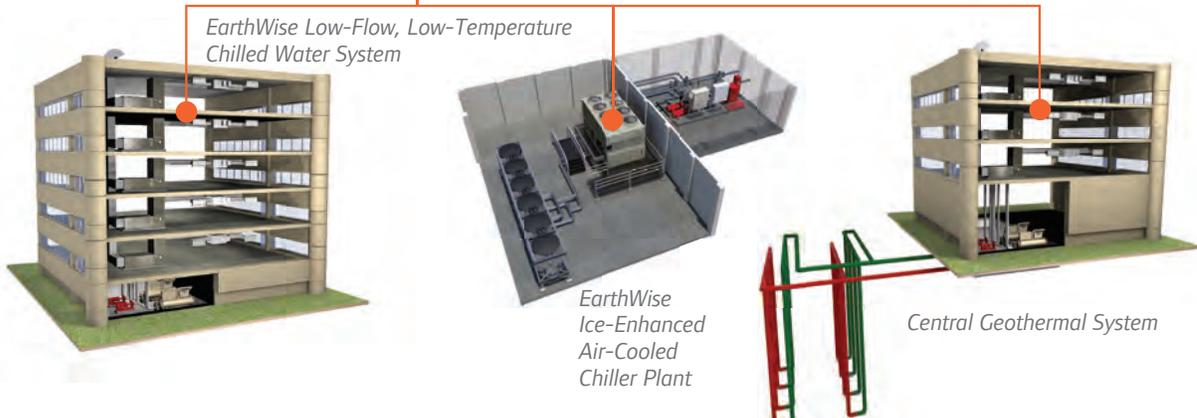
"The communication, the organization, just the way they approached the job were terrific. Peace of mind is something I look for, and Trane gives it to me."

— Larry Drill, Drill Construction Company  
Municipal Square Associates managing agent

# EarthWise™ Intelligent Variable Air System



The EarthWise Intelligent Air System for chilled-water applications connects to other systems



A pre-packaged, variable-air HVAC system design concept that:

- Provides heating, cooling, and ventilation for multiple zones
- Is 20 percent to 30 percent more efficient than traditional VAV systems
- Delivers high performance that is sustained by interactive operator dashboards and real-time analytics

More information can be found at  
[www.trane.com/EarthWise](http://www.trane.com/EarthWise)

- A Trane air-handling units** provide high efficiency, low leakage, flexibility and pre-packaged, factory-installed controls. Factory-installed options include exhaust air energy recovery, outdoor airflow measurement, direct-drive plenum fans and a variety of air-cleaning options including catalytic air cleaning.
- B Trane VAV terminal units** offer low leakage, tested, repeatable performance and pre-packaged, factory-installed controls.
- C** Wired or wireless **zone sensors** communicate with the controller on the VAV terminal to maintain proper space conditions.
- D Tracer™ system controllers** add a layer of sophistication and turn a common VAV system into an Intelligent Variable Air System. Factory-installed programming, start-up and commissioning coordination, wired or Wireless Comm, and dashboards lead to easy installation and operation.

# *Established performance, enhanced with new technology*

Variable air systems have a proven track record of reliable, efficient performance. Using new design strategies and advanced technologies, Trane EarthWise™ Intelligent Variable Air systems are more efficient than traditional VAV systems.

## **Twenty to thirty percent more efficient.**

Through advanced technologies— including energy recovery and variable-speed equipment — and optimized controls, Trane Intelligent Variable Air systems can be 20 percent to 30 percent more efficient than traditional VAV systems. User-friendly dashboards allow you to easily monitor that efficiency to help maintain peak performance for the life of the system. Based on countless new buildings, retrofits and recommissioning projects, we know that properly designed and controlled VAV systems are attainable, and can have lower installed and operating costs than alternative systems.

As with every EarthWise System, Trane provides, supports, and encourages energy modeling during the system design phase. Trane Air-conditioning Economics (TRACE™) software can be used to determine how this system can help your building earn high performance designation, including earning LEED® points under EAc1.

## **Efficiencies in energy, cost and time.**

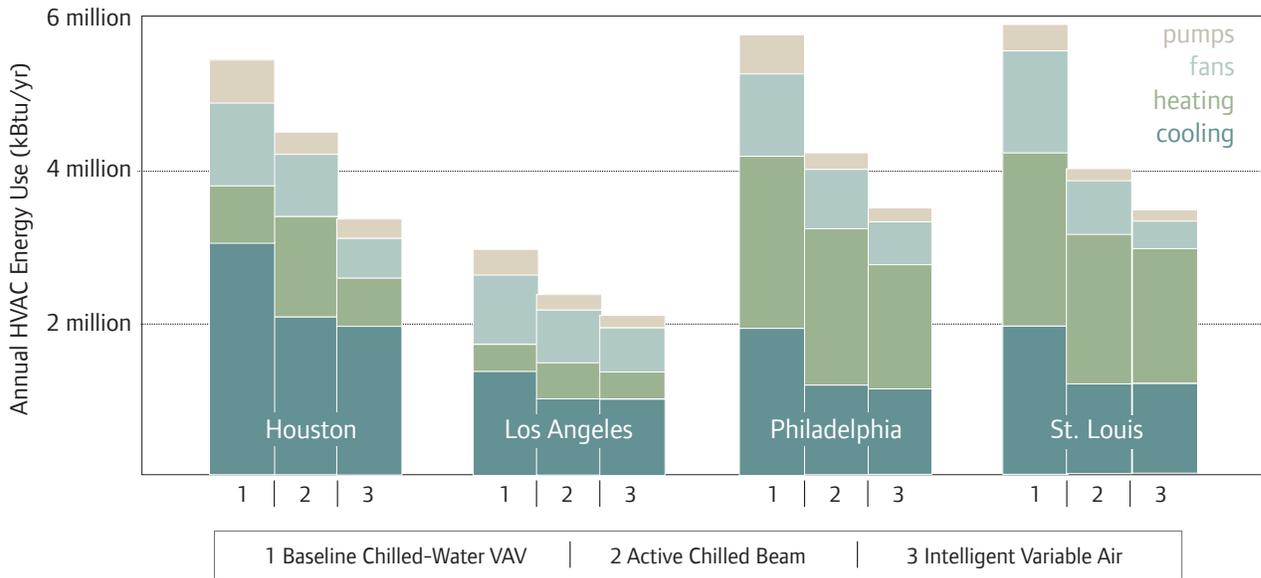
Trane's EarthWise Intelligent Variable Air System was created to simplify the design and implementation of a high-performing HVAC system. The system's controls are baseline programmed at the factory to contribute to smooth installation and

commissioning, and avoid the inconsistencies of custom programming — but still provide on-site programming flexibility for project-specific requirements. Standard apps and operator dashboards, supported by thorough documentation, take the mystery out of how your system works, so that you and Trane can keep it running optimally over the system's lifetime.

The applied version of the Intelligent Variable Air System includes twenty-four standard configurations for air-handling units, air terminal devices and system controls. Identifying the repeatable aspects of these system designs allows us to deploy standardized, pre-packaged control sequences, drawings and operator graphics and dashboards.

**Comfort control.** Variable air systems are capable of controlling the temperature in many zones with dissimilar cooling and heating requirements. This is accomplished by providing a VAV terminal unit and temperature sensor for each independently controlled zone.

**High indoor air quality.** For most applications, the foundation of good IAQ is proper ventilation. The Intelligent Variable Air System balances energy efficiency and IAQ by bringing in no more than the required amount of outdoor air for ventilation, at all operating conditions, through the use of optimized ventilation control strategies and flow-measuring Traq™ outdoor-air dampers. Building pressurization control not only saves energy, it also reduces infiltration, which can lead to moisture-related problems in the building envelope.



Annual energy use for a 268,500 ft<sup>2</sup> office building, estimated using Trane TRACE™ building energy analysis software. The baseline chilled-water VAV system is modeled according to Appendix G in ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2007.

**Low installation costs.** Ventilating and cooling or heating with the same system naturally costs less to install—only one set of distribution piping and/or ductwork is required.

Using a centralized system allows the system to be sized for “block” load, that is, the highest heating or cooling load observed at one time. Individual zone-based systems will naturally have more installed capacity because they are sized on the “sum of the peaks.”

By using cold fluid and cold air, fans, pumps, and ductwork can be right sized in a modest trade-off with energy costs.

**Code compliant.** Complying with codes and documenting that compliance is easier when using an engineered system from Trane. Code-mandated system control requirements are pre-packaged in the standard Trane Tracer™ controllers. These routines and their interfaces are flexible, yet standardized to help reduce opportunities for errors and reduce the need for custom programming.

High-performance building designation steers the discussion toward systems that have lower energy costs. The EarthWise Intelligent Variable Air system, using the design and operation strategies identified in this catalog, can help earn LEED points under EAc1, depending on the baseline system and local utility rates.

# Efficient, flexible, comfortable, and now, even better

VAV systems have always been comfortable and flexible—adapting automatically to building load changes over time. But beneath that comfort, outdated controls and system components were likely wasting energy. The Intelligent Variable Air system makes it easy to keep the comfort while minimizing energy waste.

## **Zone and system controls, simplified.**

Controls for a high performance, multiple-zone VAV system require more coordination than controls for a single-zone system. This is one of the driving forces behind the need for repeatable, highly configured yet standardized system control. These controls ensure that the inherent benefits of the system do not come at an energy cost or contribute to a poorly performing system.

**Reduced reheat.** One of the traditional complaints about multiple zone VAV systems is that for some zones, they heat air that has been previously cooled with mechanical cooling. Judicious use of ventilation optimization, supply air temperature reset and parallel fan powered VAV terminals can keep this to a minimum.

**Efficient central fan operation.** Another opportunity to save energy is in the central fan(s) delivering cooling and ventilation together. The central fan(s) must continue to operate, even when the spaces are unoccupied and do not need to be ventilated. However, proper scheduling, optimized ventilation control, and an “occupied standby” mode minimize fan and ventilation energy when some zones require ventilation while others do not. A dedicated ventilation system has to run when just one zone needs ventilation, because it typically doesn’t

have zone dampers for reducing ventilation to a minimum when the zone is unoccupied. See sidebar for potential code issues.

Direct-drive plenum fans with integral variable frequency drives eliminate belt losses and maintenance. Larger, central fans have more efficient motors than smaller, distributed fans.

**Ventilation efficiency.** VAV systems using a single supply duct typically deliver a mixture of recirculated air and outdoor air—the same fraction of outdoor air is delivered to all zones. While this may be sufficient ventilation for some zones, depending on each zone’s cooling or heating load, it may not be enough for others. ASHRAE Standard 62.1 for indoor air quality requires that the system bring in more outdoor air in order to satisfy the zone needing the highest fraction of ventilation air, with compensation for overventilation in the recirculated air. This leads to all other zones being over-ventilated and extra energy to condition the additional outdoor air.

System controls from Trane automatically solve the equations found in ASHRAE Standard 62.1, and allow the system to optimize ventilation by dynamically changing outdoor air damper position in response to the needs of the critical ventilation zone(s). This can allow the system to ventilate to mechanical code requirements without an unnecessarily high, fixed outdoor air damper position. A further refinement of this control allows the system to automatically open the zone damper in the critical ventilation zone(s), increasing reheat slightly, in exchange for a reduction in outdoor air at the system level. This is permitted by the ASHRAE 90.1 energy code.

## **Did you know?**

A recent interpretation from ASHRAE Standard 62.1 clarifies that zones must continue to receive the building component ventilation rate (Ra) whenever they are *expected* to be occupied, even when they are temporarily unoccupied.

# Intelligent Variable Air System components



## Tracer™ SC system controller

- Standard, pre-packaged applications and optimized system control sequences
- Easy-to-use interfaces with high-quality graphics
- Optimized for the mobile world
- Wired or Wireless Comm
- Interactive operator dashboards depict system operation and document energy savings
- Identify efficiency improvement opportunities through Trane Intelligent Services



## Performance Climate Changer® air handler

- Configurable indoor or outdoor models
- Low-leak, thermally-isolated casing design
- Outdoor airflow measurement with Traq™ dampers
- Options for energy recovery, direct-drive plenum fans, and air cleaning
- Tracer™ UC600 controller with pre-packaged control sequences, wired or Wireless Comm, and an optional Tracer TD7 color display



## VariTrane™ VAV terminals

- Accurate flow measurement and rugged construction
- Factory-commissioned Tracer™ UC210 or UC400 controller with pre-packaged control sequences and wired or Wireless Comm
- Retrofit (RIRO) dampers available for upgrading older, existing systems

## Zone sensors

- Wired or wireless models
- Options for digital display, setpoint override, or occupancy override

# System controls

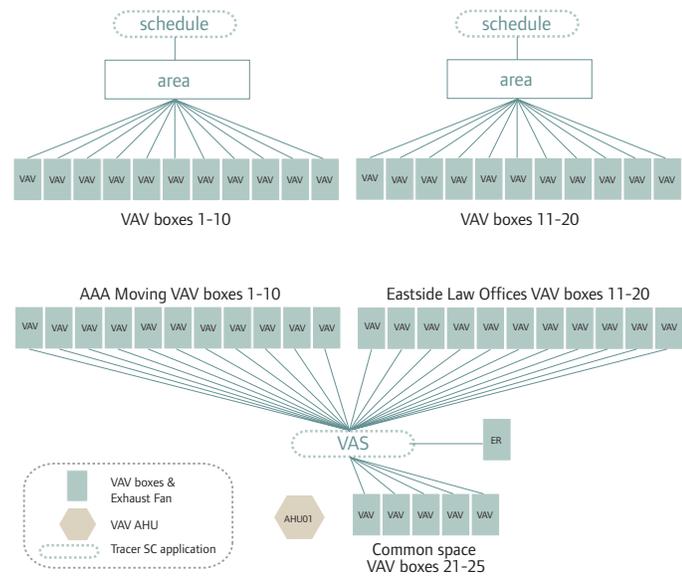
The Intelligent Variable Air System's controls are baseline programmed at the factory to contribute to smooth installation and commissioning, and avoid the inconsistencies of custom programming — but still provide on-site programming flexibility for project-specific requirements.

**Tracer™ SC standard applications.** The Tracer SC system controller provides many of the coordinating and optimization functions for the system, through the use of these standard applications:

**AREA** is the application used to define groups of zones, which can be dictated by the physical layout (office groupings, walls, etc.) and the logical layout (tenants, departments, etc.) of the building. Zones are assigned to an area to enable coordinated control and prevent heating and cooling systems from “fighting” each other.

**VAS** is a virtual representation of the physical equipment in the building. The Tracer Variable Air System (VAS) application coordinates the operation of the air-handling unit with the connected VAV terminals, ensuring safe, efficient, and reliable performance during the various operating modes. It also optimizes the performance of the system using data gathered from the individual VAV terminals, and can be used to periodically commission the VAV terminal units to ensure that each one is operating properly.

**Schedules** are time-based controls. Tracer SC integrates schedules with the Area and VAS applications to define the desired operating mode of the HVAC equipment based on time, temperature and humidity. Operating modes typically include occupied, unoccupied, optimal start and stop, humidity pull down, and night purge. Mode charts (like the one shown on the opposite page) explain what the various components of the system are doing during each operating mode.



*Easily understood interfaces for controls implementation*



*Floor plan graphics*



**Mobility and accessibility of Tracer™ SC.**

Tracer SC delivers the industry’s most intuitive user interface, and provides you access to the system no matter where you are, on any connected device. And it is so much more than simple web connectivity. We have optimized our interfaces for the mobile world, so the intuitive and easy to use nature of our systems translates seamlessly from a workstation, to a tablet or smart phone.

**Ease of implementation.** Setting up schedules, areas and VAS is accomplished through the Tracer SC standard graphical interface using setup “wizard” routines, autodiscovery, drop-down selections and check boxes, not custom programming.

The EarthWise Intelligent Air System makes the controls setup even easier and more standardized, with more programming installed at the factory.

**Wireless controls.** Trane Wireless Comm eliminates the wire between equipment and system controllers for Tracer™ building automation systems supporting BACnet™ standard protocol, and provides wireless connectivity to zone temperature sensors. The benefits include faster project completion, less disruption to building occupants, increased location flexibility, and life-cycle savings due to easier relocation when space layout or use changes in the future.

Through use of self-healing wireless mesh, extended signal range, and conformance to the ZigBee™ Building Automation standard, Trane Wireless Comm provides reliable, expandable operation for the life of the building.

*Mode chart*

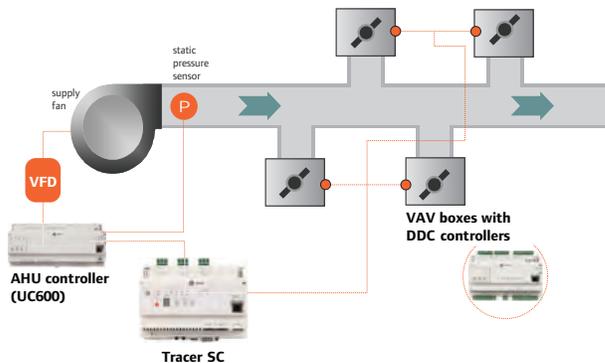
Mode	AHU		Heating/Cooling Coils	VAV Boxes	
	Supply Fan	OA Damper		Damper	Heat Source
<b>Occupied</b>	Modulate to maintain static pressure SP	Modulate to maintain minimum OA SP. If econ is enabled - modulate to maintain DAT SP	Modulate to maintain DAT SP	Modulate to maintain flow SP (occupied zones)	Modulate to maintain zone temp SP (occupied zones)
Unoccupied	Off	Closed	Off/Closed	Closed	Off/Closed
Unoccupied Heat/Cool	Modulate to maintain static pressure SP	Closed If economizer is enabled - modulate to maintain DAT SP	Modulate to maintain DAT SP	Modulate to maintain flow SP (affected zones)	Modulate to achieve unoccupied heating SP + unoccupied differential (affected zones)
Unoccupied Humidify	Modulate to maintain static pressure SP	Closed	Modulate to maintain DAT SP	Modulate to maintain flow SP (affected zones)	Modulate to achieve unoccupied heating SP + unoccupied differential (affected zones)
Unoccupied Dehumidify	Modulate to maintain static	Closed	Modulate to maintain DAT SP	Modulate to maintain flow SP (affected	Modulate to achieve unoccupied heating

# Optimized system control strategies

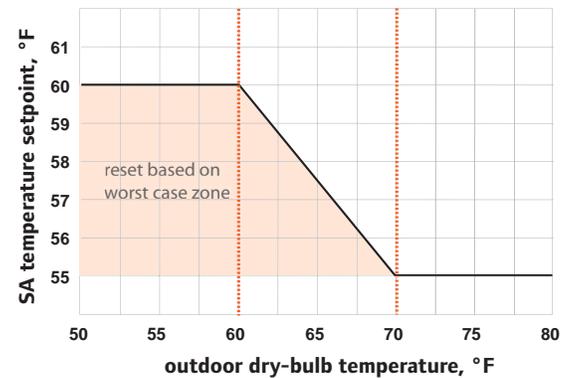
To help achieve the 20 percent to 30 percent efficiency improvement, EarthWise Intelligent Variable Air Systems pre-package the following optimized system control strategies in Tracer™ system and equipment controls.

**Fan-pressure optimization.** As cooling loads change, the VAV terminals modulate to vary airflow supplied to the zones. This causes the pressure inside the supply ductwork to change. In many systems, the AHU controller varies the capacity of the supply fan to maintain static pressure in the ductwork at a constant setpoint. With this approach, however, the system usually generates more static pressure at part load than necessary.

When communicating controllers are used on the VAV terminals, it is possible to optimize this static pressure control function to minimize duct pressure and save fan energy. Tracer SC continually polls the individual VAV controllers, looking for the VAV terminal with the most-open damper. The duct static pressure setpoint for the supply fan is then dynamically reset to provide just enough pressure so that at least one damper is nearly wide open. At part-load conditions, the supply fan is able to operate at a lower static pressure, which results in less energy use, lower sound levels, and reduced risk of fan surge.



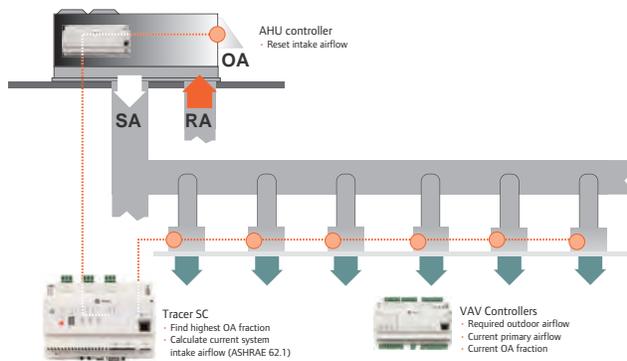
**Supply-Air Temperature (SAT) reset.** In a VAV system, increasing the SAT at part-load conditions can reduce cooling and reheat energy use, but increases fan energy and can result in elevated indoor humidity levels. Therefore, SAT reset should be implemented so that it minimizes overall system energy use, by considering the trade-off between compressor, reheat, and fan energy.



Tracer SC balances these competing issues by keeping the SAT setpoint cold when it is warm outside, thereby taking advantage of the significant energy savings from unloading the fan and avoiding elevated indoor humidity levels. The SAT setpoint is reset upward during mild and cold weather to enhance the benefit of the airside economizer (thereby saving cooling energy) and minimize reheat energy use. However, Tracer also monitors the current temperature and VAV damper position for each zone, and will lower the SAT setpoint if needed to prevent any zones from overheating.

**Ventilation optimization.** In a VAV system, the air-handling unit delivers fresh outdoor air to several individually controlled zones. Demand-controlled ventilation (DCV) involves resetting intake airflow in response to variations in zone population. While commonly implemented using carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) sensors, occupancy sensors, or time-of-day (TOD) schedules can also be used.

Tracer SC optimizes the amount of ventilation in a multiple-zone VAV system by combining these various DCV strategies at the zone level (using each where it best fits) with ventilation reset at the system level. With this strategy, CO<sub>2</sub> sensors are installed only in those zones that are densely occupied and experience widely varying patterns of occupancy. Zones that are less densely occupied or have a population that varies only a little are probably better suited for occupancy sensors or a time-of-day schedule.



These various zone-level DCV strategies are used to reset the ventilation requirement for their respective zones for any given hour. In addition, the controller on each VAV terminal continuously monitors primary airflow being delivered to the zone and calculates the current OA fraction ( $Z_{pz}$ ).

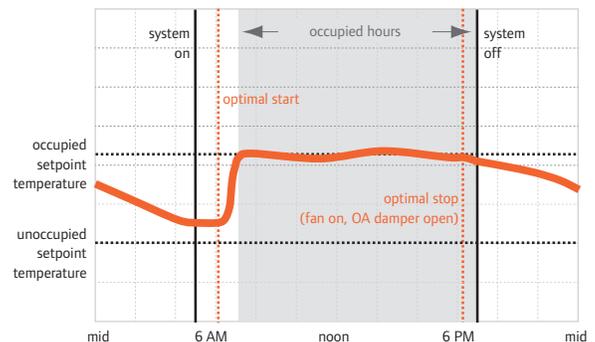
Then, Tracer SC periodically gathers this data from all VAV terminals and solves the ventilation reset equations (prescribed by ASHRAE Standard 62.1) to determine how

much outdoor air must be brought in at the air-handling unit to satisfy all zones served. Finally, Tracer sends this new outdoor airflow setpoint to the UC600 controller on the AHU, which then modulates a flow-measuring (Traq™) outdoor-air damper to maintain this new setpoint.

This strategy reduces the energy required to condition outdoor air brought in for ventilation, while minimizing installed cost and risk by installing CO<sub>2</sub> sensors only in those zones where the payback is the greatest.

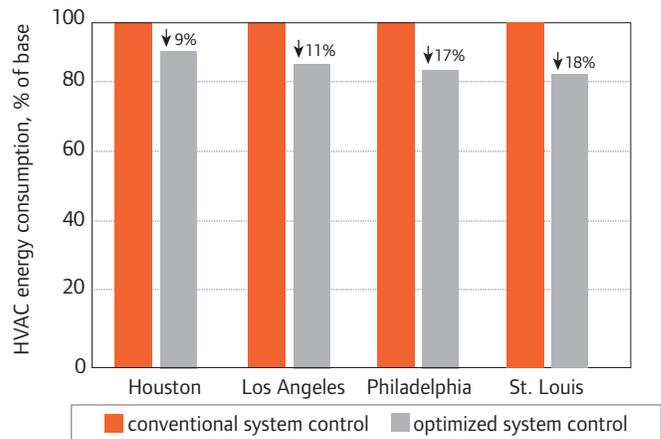
**Optimal start/stop.** In some buildings, a simple time clock or time-of-day schedule is used to start and stop the HVAC system. During hours when the building is expected to be unoccupied, the system is shut off and the temperature is allowed to drift away from the occupied setpoint. For most days of the year, the system starts much earlier than needed.

Tracer SC uses a strategy called optimal start, which determines the length of time required to bring each zone from its current temperature to the occupied setpoint temperature. Then, Tracer waits as long as possible before starting, so that the temperature in each zone reaches occupied setpoint just in time for occupancy. This strategy reduces the number of system operating hours and saves energy.



**Energy-saving potential of optimized system controls.**

There is a real potential to save energy in VAV systems through optimized system control strategies. The chart to the right shows the potential energy savings of using these optimized control strategies in an office building that has a typical VAV system. The optimized VAV system controls reduced HVAC energy use by 10 to 20 percent. This savings reduces operating costs for the building owner and can help in achieving points toward LEED® certification.



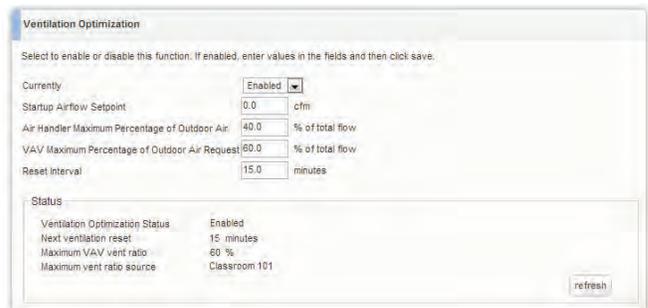
**Implementing optimized controls.**

Optimized control strategies, such as optimal start and stop, unoccupied economizing, fan-pressure optimization, and ventilation optimization, are pre-packaged in Trane Tracer™ controllers. Others, such as supply air temperature reset and humidity pull-down, can be quickly implemented using standard code.

Many of these optimized control strategies are implemented by simply “checking the box” to enable a strategy, or to add or remove zones.

**Wireless controls allow easier upgrade.**

Wireless technology, retrofit dampers and pre-packaged controls are particularly well-suited for upgrading old pneumatic or non-communicating electronic controls to a data-rich, Intelligent Variable Air system with minimal occupant disruption (see pp. 30-31).



**Sustaining performance.** Tracer SC presents data as usable information with an intuitive user interface to help operators sustain building efficiency for the life of the system.

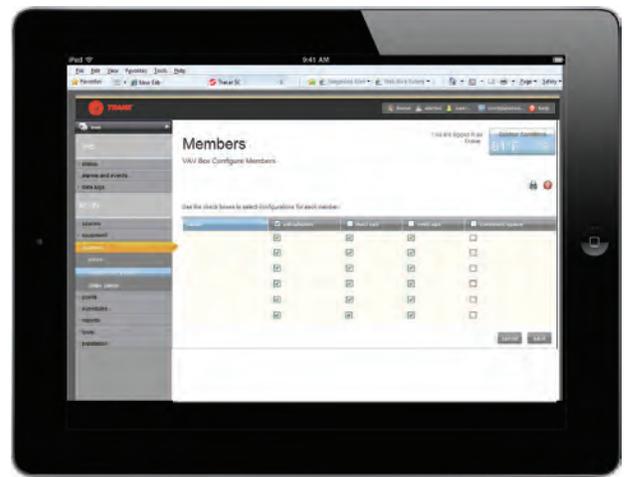
**Removing overrides.** “Temporary” changes to setpoints or operating schedules, when left in place long after the triggering event or condition, are another potential energy waste. Removing these overrides is often essential for the system to operate at a sustained high level of performance.

Tracer SC makes it easy to identify these overrides and remove them to return the system to normal operation.

**“Rogue” zones.** A zone that is often overheating or overcooling, due to either a faulty component or a design error, can limit the energy savings potential of using these optimized control strategies. If left unresolved, these “rogue” zones can lead to unnecessary cooling, heating, and fan energy use.

Tracer SC allows the operator to temporarily prevent these rogue zones from impacting the optimized control strategies, by simply unchecking a box in the user interface.

Through the Trane Intelligent Services system, detailed analytics help identify these “rogue” zones, and alert the building owner of the potential energy savings that would result from fixing the problem.



# Intuitive, accessible dashboards



It's one thing for the controls installer to understand how to set up the system, but it's imperative that the operator understand how the system works. Standard apps and operator dashboards, supported by thorough documentation, take the mystery out of how your system works, so that you and Trane can keep it running optimally over the system's lifetime.

Dashboards are all about giving the operator information that is actionable—gauges with min and max values identified, warnings, alerts and error messages—helping identify opportunities to optimize system operation.

Tracer™ SC provides access to your system from any connected device: PCs, tablets, or even smart phones.

## Strategic data

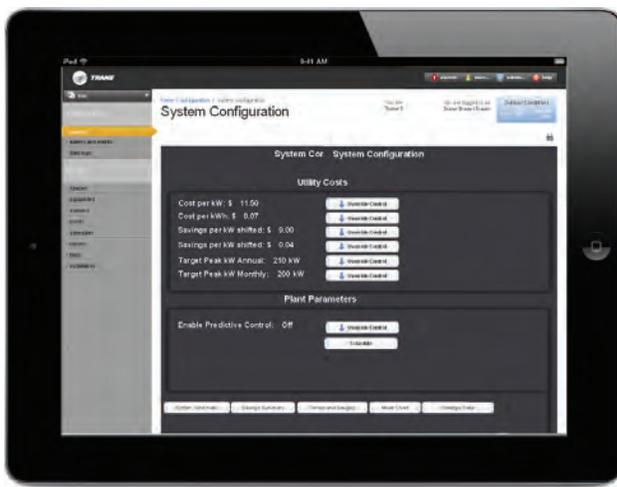


## At-a-glance gauges



Keeping custom design out of programming is key for creating systems that function the same from one job to the next—making it a lot easier to troubleshoot and sustain high performance over time. Configuration screens and scheduling applications are easy to use and understand.

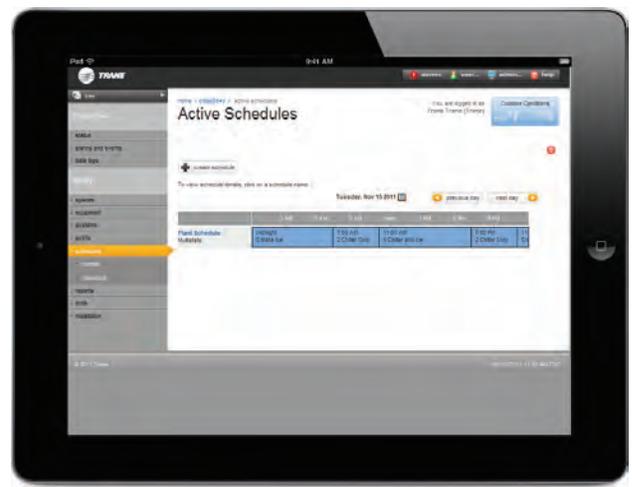
### Configuration screen



Preprogrammed displays illustrate the energy being saved by optimized control strategies and exhaust air energy recovery.

These system savings calculations are suitable for a public display, for example as part of a lobby kiosk.

### Scheduling application



### Performance summary



### Savings calculations



# Trane Intelligent Services (TIS)



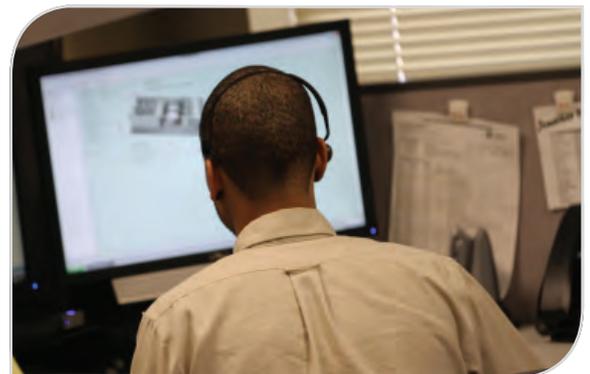
TIS is the revolutionary integration of technology, proprietary analytics and Trane expertise that continuously collects, interprets and acts on building data to improve the performance of the building's systems. When applied to an EarthWise Intelligent Variable Air system, TIS can help sustain the system's high level of performance for life.

Three service tiers are available: Alarm Notification (included with all Trane Service Agreements), Active Monitoring, and Building Performance.

## **Alarm Notification.** *(included with all Trane Service Agreements)*

- Customer-defined data-collection points
- 24/7/365 automated alarm and event monitoring
- Automated notification via email, text or pager
- Archiving of critical alarm data
- Bi-monthly scheduled backup

Every notification is customized to meet the customer's needs, and assures that the right person is being alerted if there is a system malfunction. Immediate and timely notification allows you to take prompt action to resolve the problem and avoid interruptions in your operation. TIS offers customers peace of mind, knowing that the fully automated alarm system's responsiveness means they are never out of touch with the systems and working environment of their buildings.



Alarm Notification let Honda Performance Development (HPD) staff know about an air conditioning problem in their server room and low air pressure in the facility's main air compressor. Their design process relies on the servers, and the two large Ingersoll Rand compressing units are vital to product manufacturing. The Alarm Notification feature enabled the HPD staff to resolve both problems quickly with no design or equipment downtime. Instead of waiting for problems to become obvious, HPD manager Rick Walroth was happy to be ahead of the game.

"This is a great addition to have for the Tracer™ system." — Rick Walroth, Honda Performance Development



**Active Monitoring** includes Alarm Notification, plus the benefit of immediate diagnostic and responsive action capabilities.

- Diagnostics and alarm analysis by a technical specialist
- Off-site alarm mediation if possible
- Intelligent mobilization of local Trane authorized service personnel
- Alarm documentation and reporting (daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly)

Faster detection means faster resolution, saving critical time and money. Forty percent of the critical alarms are resolved within 30 minutes of the alarm sounding, which gets your system operational more quickly. Triple redundancy ensures your system and operations are safe and secure.

**Building Performance** offering includes all of the features of Active Monitoring coupled with analyzed data and performance-driven recommendations and actions enabling high performance operating conditions.

- Initial system-wide assessment
- Continuous analysis by automated system analytics
- Results-oriented, value-based actionable recommendations
- On-going commissioning reporting to monitor parameters

The Building Performance level of TIS is intelligence in action—a warning when a system malfunctions and data translated into actionable solutions. Anticipating problems and proactively solving them dramatically reduces downtime and increases productivity. TIS is the customer’s safety net for occupant comfort and satisfaction. Savings are achieved through efficient, uninterrupted operation, restoring the building to high performance.

“The Trane Performance Based Agreement, coupled with Trane Central Monitoring, has significantly reduced our downtime by more than 60 percent and cut our truck rolls in half, which has improved response time and turnaround time on system repairs. With Trane Central Monitoring we’ve been able to maintain a 99 percent uptime commitment to our customers. Trane Central Monitoring is a critical tool in our business process to insure we meet our business demands. With my local Trane account manager I always know I am in good hands and that tasks will be done 100 percent of the time.” — Mark Manning, ARRIS Group

# Equipment

## Performance Climate Changer™

- A** Traq™ flow-measuring outdoor air measurement station: AMCA 611 certified, accurate even at low flow
- B** MERV filters: Exceed LEED requirements and reduce pressure drop up to 50 percent over previous designs
- C** Thermally isolated, rigid casing design: R-13 foam-injected panels and doors minimize heat transfer and withstand ± 8 in.w.g.
- D** Factory-installed DDC controls. Pre-packaged sequences, wired or Wireless Comm, optional color display
- E** Single-point power, quick connect wiring: Factory wiring minimizes installation cost and ensures wiring integrity between sections
- F** Efficient fan selections for all pressure requirements: Three to five percent more efficient than previous designs
- G** Flexible discharge plenum configurations: Minimize air pressure drop with the most efficient opening sizes, types and locations
- H** Low leak casing, rated and tested to ASHRAE Standard 111 Class 6: Achieves less than one percent leakage rate



### Quick Reference

Performance Climate Changer Sizes	airflow (cfm) at face velocity (fpm)			
	350 fpm	400 fpm	450 fpm	500 fpm
3	1022	1168	1314	1460
4	1579	1804	2030	2255
6	2139	2444	2750	3055
8	2797	3196	3596	3995
10	3493	3992	4491	4990
12	4305	4920	5535	6150
14	4778	5460	6143	6825
17	5884	6724	7565	8405
21	7284	8324	9365	10405
25	8740	9988	11237	12485
30	10465	11960	13455	14950
35	12229	13976	15723	17470
40	13976	15972	17969	19965
50	17168	19620	22073	24525
57	19912	22756	25601	28445
66	22971	26252	29534	32815
80	27563	31500	35438	39375
100	34699	39656	44613	49570
120	41335	47240	53145	59050

Assumes full height unit coil with 1/2 in. coil tubes



#### Outdoor airflow measurement

- Traq™ dampers maintain accuracy at low airflow ranges
- AMCA 611 tested and certified
- Easily integrated flow measurement for optimizing ventilation control
- Code compliance documentation via measured outdoor air intake



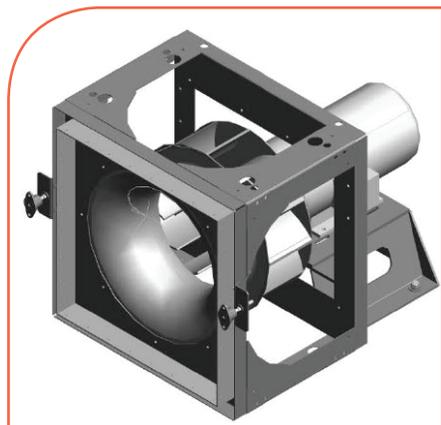
#### Air cleaning

- Trane Catalytic Air Cleaning System (TCACS) removes particles and organics from the air
- MERV filters remove small particles from the air
- Pre- and post-filter options meet special application requirements



#### Exhaust-air energy recovery options

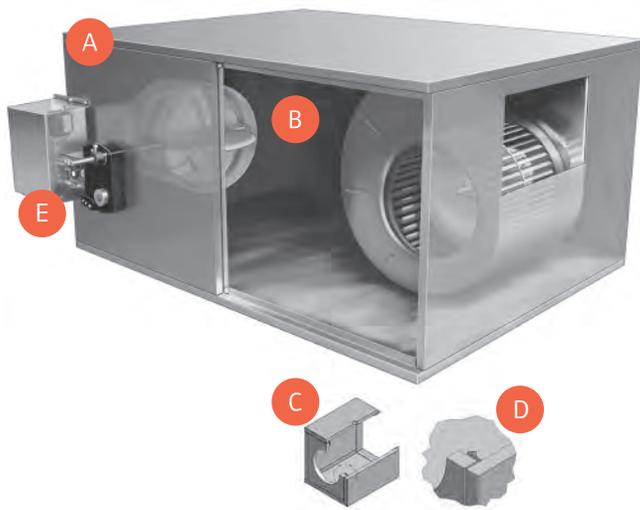
- Sensible, fixed plate design for dry or marine climates or cross-leakage intolerant applications
- Total-energy wheel for hot and cold climates
- Total-energy wheel with dual exhaust energy recovery increases heat that can be recovered while maintaining separation of restroom exhaust from recirculated air
- AHRI 1060 certified performance



#### Full complement of fan selections

- Direct-drive plenum fans are more reliable, require less maintenance, and eliminate belt-related drive losses for efficient, quieter, and lower vibration operation than belt-drive plenum fans.
- Fan arrays reduce the length of the air-handling unit, provide redundancy for critical applications, and allow the fans and motors to be more easily replaced.

## VariTrane™ terminal unit



- A Trane flow ring for unmatched airflow measurement accuracy
- B Heavy gauge air valve cylinder for durability
- C Interlocking panels for extremely rugged construction
- D Insulation edges encapsulated with metal to prevent erosion into the air stream
- E Factory-commissioned DDC controls with pre-packaged sequences and wired or Wireless Comm

VariTrane units are manufactured in the most state-of-the-art VAV facility in the world. They feature proven components such as the patented Trane flow ring and the Trane DDC controller. The most advanced manufacturing techniques in the industry have been implemented to provide an exceptionally rugged and reliable VAV unit. All products are UL listed for safety and provide proven performance via accepted industry standards like AHRI 880 and 885.

All VariTrane VAV controls are factory commissioned. This means that airflow, temperature setpoints, and addressing are performed in a controlled factory environment. 100% factory run-testing ensures that units arrive and function properly upon job startup. With factory-commissioned controls, you have better control over cost and quality. This results in a higher quality installation at a lower cost.

### *Single-duct and dual-duct air terminals*

- Single-duct heat options include water or electric heating coils
- Unit sizes provide 0 to 8000 nominal cfm
- Access for water coil cleaning
- Factory-commissioned Trane controls
- Slip and drive connections as standard

### *Fan-powered air terminals*

- Parallel intermittent fan and series continuous fan configurations
- Complete reheat options include water or electric heating coils
- Fan sizes provide 200 to 3000 nominal cfm
- Single-speed motor with SCR is standard for simplified system balancing
- Optional high-efficiency electrically commutated motors (ECMs)
- Low-height models for critical plenum requirements



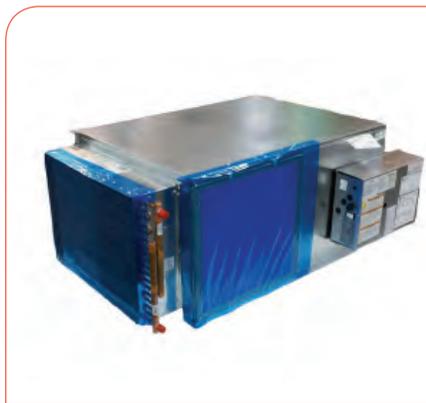
#### Factory-commissioned controls

- Tracer™ UC210 or UC400 controller
- Temperature, airflow settings and addressing in a factory controlled setting
- Temperature and airflow setpoints downloaded and 100% run tested in the factory before shipment
- Wired or Wireless Comm



#### Accurate flow measurement

- Superior, exclusive flow ring for unmatched airflow measurement accuracy and unit performance
- Air valve designed to limit inlet deformation and provide consistent and repeatable airflow across the flow ring
- Enables auto-commissioning to ensure zone cooling and heating are precise and not wasteful
- Enables system ventilation optimization and proof of proper ventilation



#### Low energy use, high indoor air quality

- Electrically commutated motor for series fan-powered terminals reduce energy use
- SCR option for continuously variable electric heating and precise temperature control
- Low casing and damper leakage and insulation deliver conditioning to the zone, not wasted in the ceiling plenum
- Insulation and encapsulated edges reduce or eliminate terminal unit surface condensation
- IAQ wrap protects unit during construction



#### Rugged construction and serviceability

- Remote auto-commissioning lets you fix problems without opening the ceiling and disturbing occupants
- Damper has only nine parts
- External shaft with air valve position indicator for easier service diagnostics
- Metal encapsulated edges arrest cut fibers and prevent insulation erosion into the air stream
- 18-gauge construction for strength, performance and durability

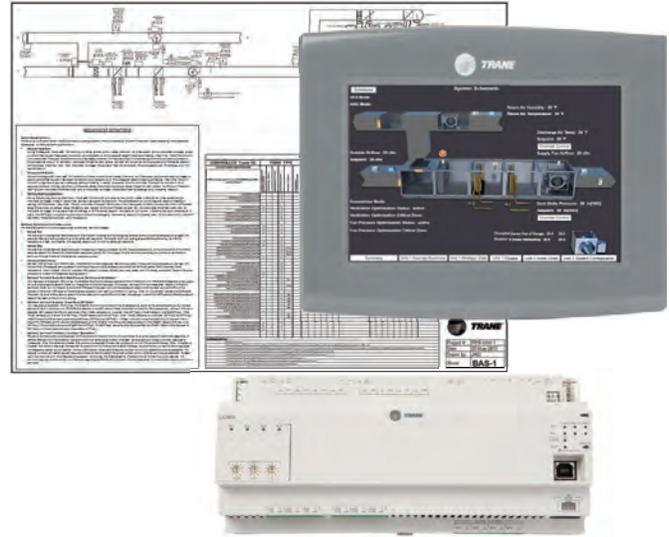
# Pre-packaged equipment controls

Each equipment configuration comes with a control diagram, points list, and sequence of operation in document and CAD format. This makes it easy to develop accurate drawings and documentation for the system.

**AHU control using the UC600.** The Intelligent Variable Air System offers twenty-four pre-packaged air-handler configurations, each including programming code for the UC600 controller.

The optional Tracer™ TD7 display allows an operator to view pre-built graphics, reports and dashboards.

UC600 with TD7 graphical display



## Pre-packaged air-handler control options

supported features						
pre-packaged solution	controller	outdoor air damper	cooling type	heating type	secondary fan	energy recovery type
AH0381	UC600	Traq™	chilled water	none	exhaust fan	none
AH0382	UC600	Traq	chilled water	hot water	exhaust fan	none
AH0383	UC600	Traq	chilled water	electric	exhaust fan	none
AH0384	UC600	Traq	chilled water	gas	exhaust fan	none
AH0385	UC600	Traq	chilled water	none	return fan	none
AH0386	UC600	Traq	chilled water	hot water	return fan	none
AH0387	UC600	Traq	chilled water	electric	return fan	none
AH0388	UC600	Traq	chilled water	gas	return fan	none
AH0389	UC600	Traq	chilled water	none	return fan	sensible heat exchanger
AH0390	UC600	Traq	chilled water	hot water	return fan	sensible heat exchanger
AH0391	UC600	Traq	chilled water	electric	return fan	sensible heat exchanger
AH0392	UC600	Traq	chilled water	gas	return fan	sensible heat exchanger
AH0393	UC600	Traq	chilled water	none	exhaust fan	total-energy wheel
AH0394	UC600	Traq	chilled water	hot water	exhaust fan	total-energy wheel
AH0395	UC600	Traq	chilled water	electric	exhaust fan	total-energy wheel
AH0396	UC600	Traq	chilled water	gas	exhaust fan	total-energy wheel
AH0397	UC600	Traq	chilled water	none	exhaust fan	total-energy wheel with dual exhaust
AH0398	UC600	Traq	chilled water	hot water	exhaust fan	total-energy wheel with dual exhaust
AH0399	UC600	Traq	chilled water	electric	exhaust fan	total-energy wheel with dual exhaust
AH0400	UC600	Traq	chilled water	gas	exhaust fan	total-energy wheel with dual exhaust
AH0401	UC600	Traq	chilled water	none	exhaust fan	sensible heat exchanger
AH0402	UC600	Traq	chilled water	hot water	exhaust fan	sensible heat exchanger
AH0403	UC600	Traq	chilled water	electric	exhaust fan	sensible heat exchanger
AH0404	UC600	Traq	chilled water	gas	exhaust fan	sensible heat exchanger

### VAV control using the UC210 or UC400.

The Intelligent Variable Air System offers nine pre-packaged VAV terminal configurations, each including programming code for the UC210 or UC400 controller.

Space temperature control functions are further refined, based on:

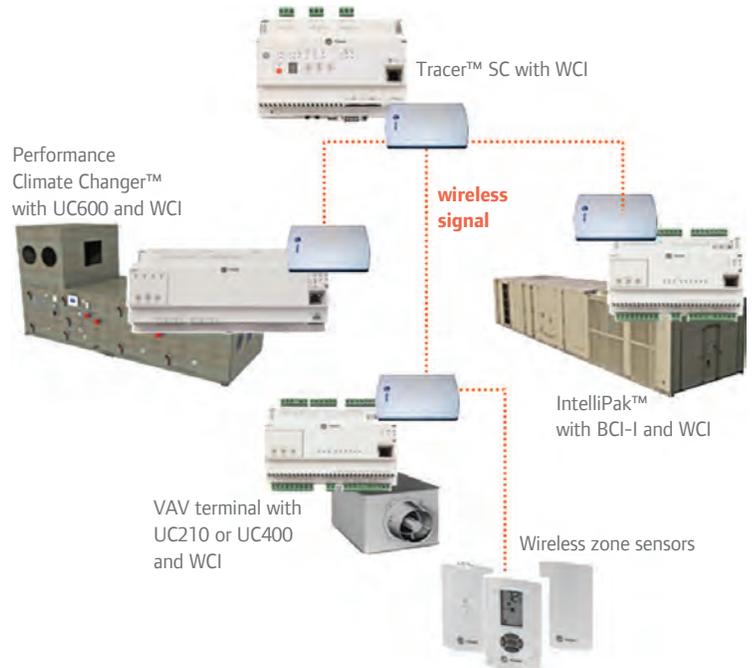
- the presence of a fan and/or a heating coil in the VAV terminal
- whether or not the zone is occupied
- whether the duct delivers cold or hot primary air
- whether or not the central unit is at minimum flow in the heating mode

**Wireless controls.** Trane Wireless Comm eliminates the wire between equipment and system controllers, and provides wireless connectivity to zone temperature sensors. The benefits include faster project completion, less disruption to building occupants, increased location flexibility, and life-cycle savings. Through use of self-healing wireless mesh, extended signal range, and conformance to the ZigBee™ Building Automation standard, Trane Wireless Comm provides reliable, expandable operation for the life of the building.

### Pre-packaged VAV terminal control options

pre-packaged solution	supported features		
	controller	terminal type	heating type
TS0155	UC210	single duct	none
TS0156	UC210	single duct	electric
TS0157	UC210	single duct	hot water
TS0158	UC210	parallel fan-powered VAV	none
TS0159	UC210	parallel fan-powered VAV	electric
TS0160	UC210	parallel fan-powered VAV	hot water
TS0161	UC210	series fan-powered VAV	none
TS0162	UC210	series fan-powered VAV	electric
TS0163	UC210	series fan-powered VAV	hot water
TS0043	UC400	single duct	none
TS0044	UC400	single duct	electric
TS0045	UC400	single duct	hot water
TS0046	UC400	parallel fan powered VAV	none
TS0047	UC400	parallel fan powered VAV	electric
TS0048	UC400	parallel fan powered VAV	hot water
TS0049	UC400	series fan powered VAV	none
TS0050	UC400	series fan powered VAV	electric
TS0051	UC400	series fan powered VAV	hot water

### Trane Wireless Comm



# Design strategies

In addition to optimized controls, many Intelligent Variable Air Systems make use of the following high-performance system design strategies to achieve even greater energy savings.

## Exhaust air energy recovery

Air-to-air energy recovery refers to the transfer of sensible heat, or sensible heat and moisture (latent heat), between air streams. The most common application is to recover energy from the exhaust-air stream to precondition the outdoor air brought in for ventilation.

### Benefits of outdoor-air preconditioning.

- Reduces cooling, dehumidification, heating and humidification energy
- Allows downsizing of cooling, dehumidification, heating and humidification equipment

### Best practices.

- Properly size the energy-recovery device
- Strive for balanced airflows
- Select suitable technology (e.g. total or sensible energy recovery)
- Integrate with airside economizer operation
- Provide a means to control the capacity of the device at part load
- Provide a method for frost prevention in cold climates
- Decide what amount of cross leakage is acceptable

### The importance of proper control.

#### Coordinating with airside economizer cycle.

In many climates, an airside economizer can provide the benefits of “free” cooling for much of the year. While the economizer operates, air-to-air energy recovery offers no additional benefit. In fact, unless it is turned off, the energy-recovery device actually increases the cooling load by transferring heat from the exhaust air stream.

To accommodate economizer operation when the energy-recovery device is idle, bypass dampers allow full economizer airflow without significantly increasing the airside pressure drop.

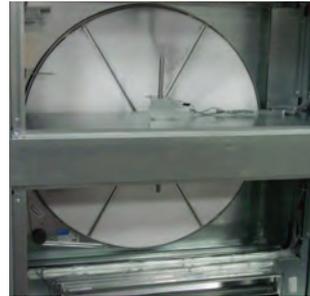
**Preventing frost.** Any air-to-air energy-recovery device that preconditions outdoor air is subject to frost buildup during very cold weather. If the surface temperature of the device falls below the dew point of the exhaust air, water vapor will condense on the exhaust side of the device. If the exhaust-side surface temperature falls below 32°F, this water freezes, eventually blocking airflow. One of the benefits of total energy recovery over sensible-only energy recovery is that frost forms at a much colder outdoor temperature, which may even eliminate the need for frost prevention.

#### Typical approaches to frost prevention:

- Modulating an outdoor air bypass damper to reduce the heat-transfer capacity of the energy-recovery device, or
- Preheating either the outdoor or exhaust air before it enters the device, for applications with extremely cold outdoor air and higher indoor humidity levels during cold weather

### Available technologies.

**Total-energy wheel** offers an excellent combination of high (60 percent to 80 percent) total effectiveness ideally suited for hot and cold climates, where latent energy recovery in both the summer and winter seasons is desirable. Cross leakage is limited by choosing the right locations for supply and return or exhaust fans. In many applications and locations the total-energy wheel's higher levels of effectiveness may be required by the energy code.



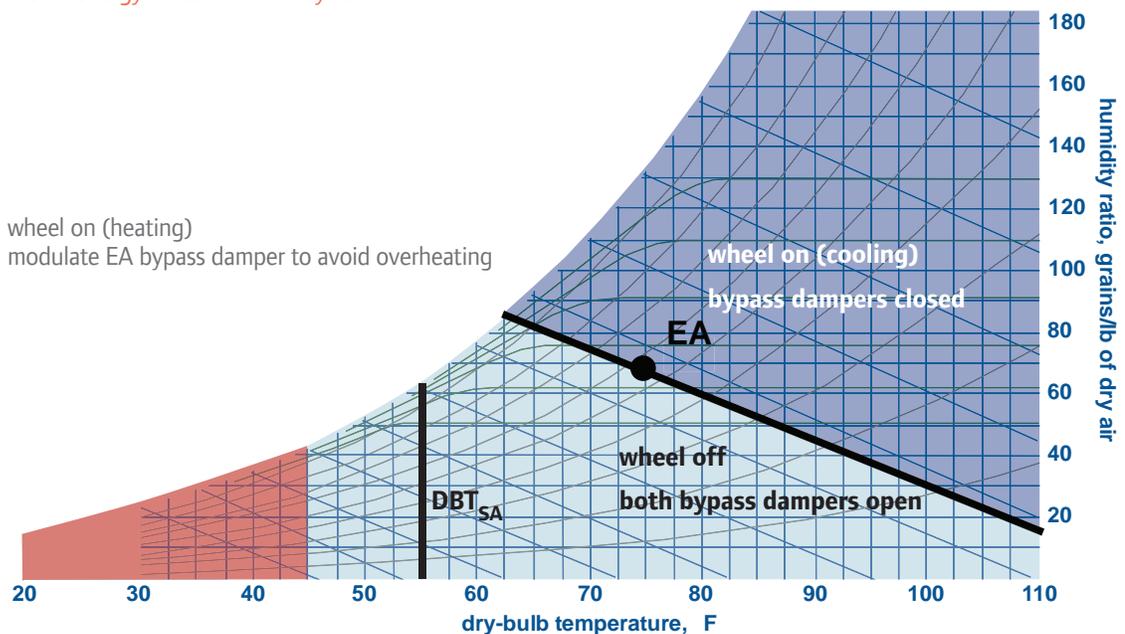
### Total-energy wheel with dual exhaust energy recovery.

Provisions for recovering energy from two exhaust streams increase the energy that can be recovered while maintaining the separation of restroom exhaust from recirculated air. The Performance Climate Changer™ air handler provides for this as an option.

**Fixed-plate (sensible) heat exchanger.** Cross-flow aluminum plates deliver 55 percent to 70 percent sensible effectiveness with low pressure drop (0.25 to 1.0 in. w.g.). Capacity modulation is accomplished using face-and-bypass dampers. The advantage of this technology is little or no cross leakage; however, of the available technologies, this unit is the most susceptible to frost.



### Control of a total-energy wheel in a VAV system



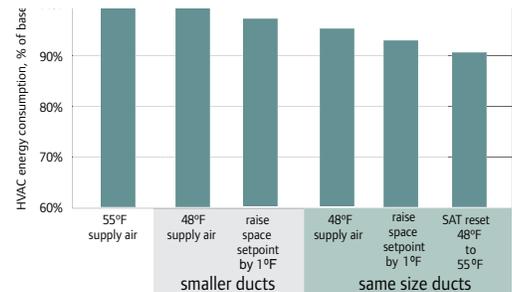
# Cold-air distribution

Many choices in the design of an HVAC system are “predetermined” by experience. System design engineers repeatedly choose to supply 55°F air because they know it has worked in the past. The supply airflows that result from this choice directly impact the size (and cost) of fans, air-handling units, VAV terminal units, diffusers and ductwork. The size of fan motors is also affected, which extends the cost impact to the electrical distribution system.

An EarthWise™ Intelligent Variable Air System reexamines these rules of thumb for optimizing system performance and cost.

Cold-air VAV systems typically deliver supply air at a temperature of 45°F to 52°F. The appeal of cold-air distribution lies in the reduction of the airflow required to offset the sensible cooling loads in the zones. Lowering the supply-air temperature from 55°F to 48°F can reduce the supply-air volume by nearly 30 percent. In addition, the lower zone relative humidity that results from a cold-air system often allows the zone dry-bulb temperature to be slightly warmer than in a conventional system, while still remaining comfortable. The impact of these changes in the energy analysis results is identified on page 5.

- Benefits of cold-air distribution.** Reducing supply airflow triggers a series of related benefits:
- Smaller supply fan (and return or relief fan, if equipped)
  - Smaller air-handling units and vertical air shafts, which can increase usable (or rentable) floor space
  - Smaller VAV terminals, which ease tight installations, are less expensive, and may be quieter
  - Smaller ductwork, which requires less sheet metal, simplifies installation, and leaves more space above the ceiling for other services
  - Shorter floor-to-floor height (attributable to smaller ducts) may reduce the cost of glass and steel in a multistory building
  - Smaller fan(s) reduce the cost of the electrical distribution system, lowers operating costs, and may reduce fan-generated noise
  - Potential for lower space humidity levels due to the delivery of colder, drier air



## Challenges of cold-air distribution.

Concerns that design engineers have about cold-air distribution typically focus on the following three issues:

- Effects of delivering cold air into the zone on occupant comfort
- Avoiding condensation on components of the air distribution system
- Impact on overall system energy consumption

The first two challenges are overcome by selecting high-aspiration diffusers and/or fan-powered VAV terminals as air blenders, plenum returns, properly sealed and insulated components, and fully integrated system controls like those for this system. Whole building energy analysis quantifies the energy impact of operating a cold-air system, including the impact on airside economizer operation, cooling and heating plants, and fan-powered VAV terminals when present.

## Parallel or series fan-powered VAV?

For air-blender applications, series fan-powered VAV terminals are often preferred for large conference rooms or other zones where constant airflow is desirable. Parallel fan-powered VAV terminals (with constant fan operation during occupied periods) are well suited for zones where less air motion during off-peak conditions is acceptable.

# Duct design best practices

Attention to detail in duct design makes an enormous impact on the overall performance of the system. Once you've reduced the airflow by investigating using colder than traditional air for cooling, the next challenge is to design the ductwork in a way that doesn't waste energy or drive up the installed costs.

One of the keys to high performance ductwork at an affordable cost is to use spiral (round) ducts.

**Minimize leakage.** It is almost impossible to get below 3 percent leakage with rectangular duct designs, while it is possible to get below 1 percent leakage with spiral duct. This ensures that the energy created by the system actually conditions the zones. Spiral duct transitions and connections can be easily sealed using gaskets and sealant, rather than couplings and screws, and perform at seal class A with leakage class 6. The air handlers and VAV terminals have low leakage, so it makes sense for the connecting ducts to perform at the same level.

Furthermore, the model energy codes require pressure testing of entire sections of installed ductwork once the system gets above 750 Pa (3" w.g.) Using factory-built spiral duct gives you added assurance that your system's tightness isn't dependent on the skill and attention to detail of the sheet metal installer in order to pass the leakage test.

**Minimize fitting losses.** Another way to limit energy waste is to use high efficiency fittings. Spiral duct fittings have lower losses, so you can more efficiently move air at higher speeds through the duct system.

**Reduce duct heat pickup.** Spiral duct has less surface area for the same cross sectional area (lower aspect ratio) than rectangular duct. This limits the exposure of conditioned air surfaces and reduces duct heat pickup.

## Advantages of static regain duct design.

Now that the advantages of spiral duct have been identified, take it one step further and use the final advantage of spiral duct—its rigidity—to unlock the last two benefits: minimizing space and reducing cost. This rigidity and the ability of spiral duct to resist the "oil can" effect at high velocities leads designers to static regain duct design calculations made possible by the use of software such as VariTrane™ Duct Designer.

**Minimize space needed for ductwork.** High velocity duct systems use less space to deliver conditioning, with even less sheet metal than high aspect ratio rectangular ducts. Smaller spiral ducts can be used for the equivalent cooling capacity, and their performance is not degraded at high velocities like rectangular ducts.

**Reduce cost.** Higher velocity spiral duct systems dramatically reduce the sheet metal content and installation costs.



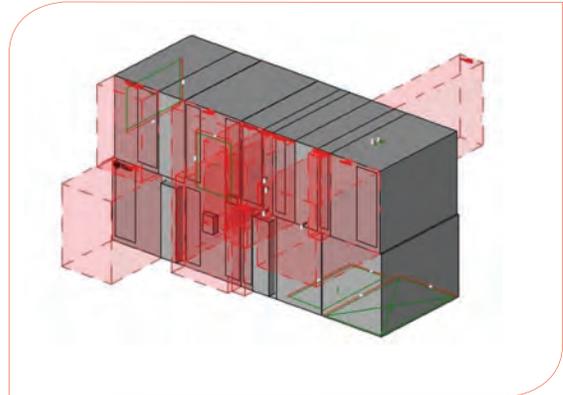


# Design tools and educational resources

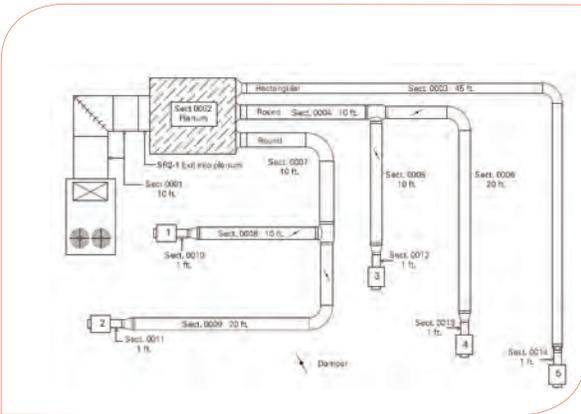
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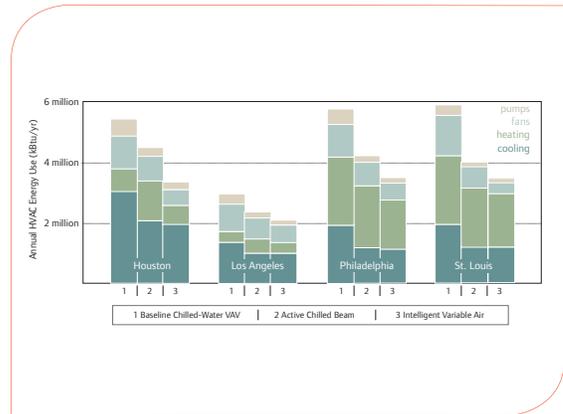
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VariTrane™ Duct Designer software and support



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# Fast, simple retrofits

Don't let your existing control system limit the performance of your building. Upgrading an existing system to a Trane Intelligent Variable Air system can be a fast, trouble-free process. Wireless technology, retrofit dampers and pre-packaged controls reduce installation cost, time and inconvenience to building occupants—and Trane Wireless Comm means less disruptive wiring installation, making future building changes easier.

**Retrofit VAV dampers.** The Round-in/Round-out (RI/RO) VAV unit is a retrofit product designed to simplify upgrading existing, older VAV terminal units, or to upgrade existing constant volume systems to VAV systems. Relay kits allow the existing heating coil and/or fan to be reused; only the controls and damper are changed. These retrofit dampers are particularly well-suited for upgrading old pneumatic or non-communicating electronic controls to a data-rich, communicating DDC VAV system. Your old VAV system can become a high-performance, Intelligent Variable Air system with minimal occupant disruption.

**Wireless controls.** Trane Wireless Comm eliminates the wire between equipment and system controllers, and between equipment controllers and zone sensors, for faster project completion, less disruption to building occupants, increased location flexibility, and life-cycle savings. Wireless mesh, maximum range, and conformance to the ZigBee™ Building Automation standard provide reliable, expandable operation for the life of the building.



*Retrofit RI/RO damper installed in upstream duct*



*Retrofit RI/RO damper bolted to existing terminal*



*Wireless zone sensors*

## Upgrading existing controls to an Intelligent Variable Air System

existing VAV box controls			
controller type	communication protocol	Trane controller	upgrade Trane controller
pneumatic	N/A	PVR	UC210 or UC400 VAV retrofit kit with WCI
analog electric	N/A	electric	UC210 or UC400 VAV retrofit kit with WCI
DDC (Trane)	Comm3	VAV I	UC210 or UC400 VAV retrofit kit with or without WCI <sup>1</sup>
	Comm4	VAV II or III	UC210 or UC400 VAV retrofit kit with or without WCI <sup>2</sup>
	LonTalk™	VV550/551	Keep existing VAV box controllers, or Upgrade with UC210 or UC400 VAV retrofit kit and WCI <sup>3</sup>
DDC (non-Trane)	N/A	N/A	UC210 or UC400 VAV retrofit kit with WCI

existing AHU controls			
controller type	communication protocol	Trane controller	upgrade Trane controller <sup>4</sup>
analog electric	N/A	electric	UC600 with or without WCI
DDC (Trane)	Comm3	PCM	UC600 with or without WCI <sup>1</sup>
	Comm4	UPCM	UC600 with or without WCI <sup>2</sup>
	LonTalk™	MP580/581	Keep existing AHU controller, or Upgrade with UC600 and WCI <sup>3</sup>
DDC (non-Trane)	N/A	N/A	UC600 with WCI

1. Trane Comm3 wire specifications are equivalent to Trane BACnet MSTP, so existing Comm3 wiring could be reused. Alternatively, a Wireless Comm upgrade is possible by using WCIs.
2. Trane Comm4 wire specifications are equivalent to Trane BACnet MSTP, so existing Comm4 wiring could be reused. Alternatively, a Wireless Comm upgrade is possible by using WCIs.
3. Tracer SC system controller is compatible with LonTalk communications, so existing LonTalk controllers and wiring could be reused. Alternatively, the equipment controllers could be upgraded using Wireless Comm.
4. In order to make use of the Ventilation Optimization functionality in Tracer SC, the air-handling unit needs to be equipped with Traq™ dampers.

PVR = Pneumatic Volume Regulator

WCI = Wireless Communication Interface



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