Fume Exhaust Systems

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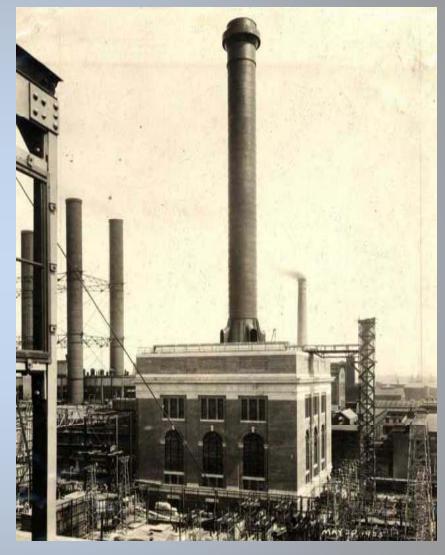
Purpose

 Fume exhaust systems are designed to exhaust hazardous fumes in a way that prevents concentrated exposure to humans.

 The fumes are exhausted in a way where they are not able to re-enter the building.

 The long time practice for exhausting hazardous fumes is to use tall stacks mounted on the top of the building to exhaust the fumes a safe distance away.

 The original standards for fume exhaust required the stack to be at least 2 to 3 times the height of the building being exhausted.



- These stacks are generally not acceptable in today's world.
- Tall, low velocity stacks do not provide the clean rooflines that are desired.
- They can also give off the appearance of excess/dangerous pollution levels.

 There are options to hide the tall stacks with screens and covering walls, but these are often as obtrusive as the stacks themselves.



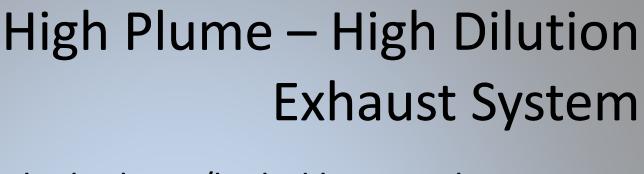
However...

There is a another way!

The High Plume – High Dilution Exhaust System

 The purpose of these systems is also to exhaust hazardous/caustic chemicals in a safe manner.

 The lab effluent is exhausted from the building in a way that it is not re-entrained into the building nor neighboring buildings in unsafe or high concentrations.



 With high plume/high dilution exhaust systems the fans are designed to reduce the need for unsightly tall stacks and provide customers with a "clean roofline"

The solution to pollution is dilution, measurable at a reasonable height

Applications for High-Plume-High Dilution Exhaust System

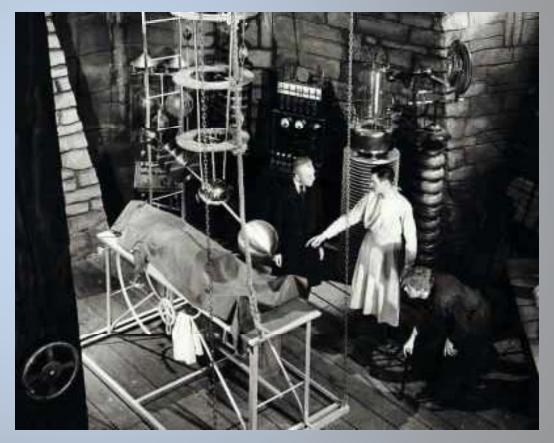
- Universities
- Schools
- Hospitals



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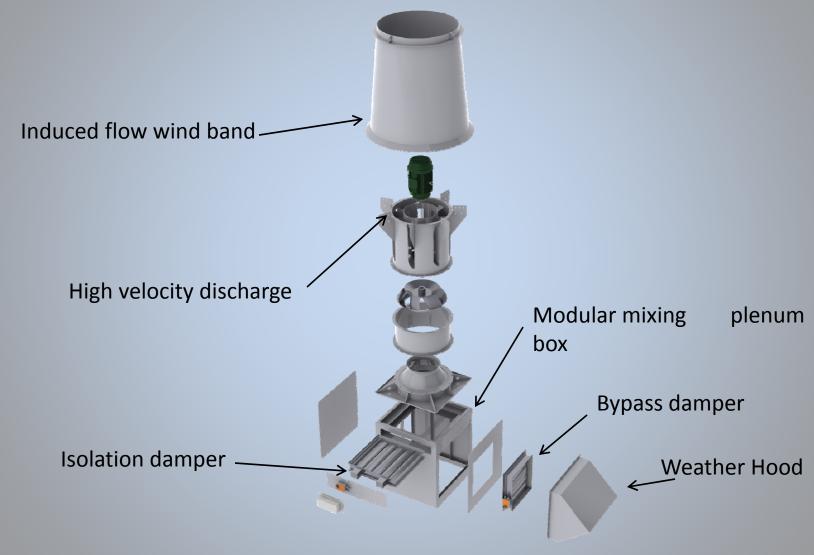
Applications for High-Plume-High Dilution Exhaust System

- Research Facilities
- Laboratories
- Anywhere that caustic or noxious fumes are being exhausted



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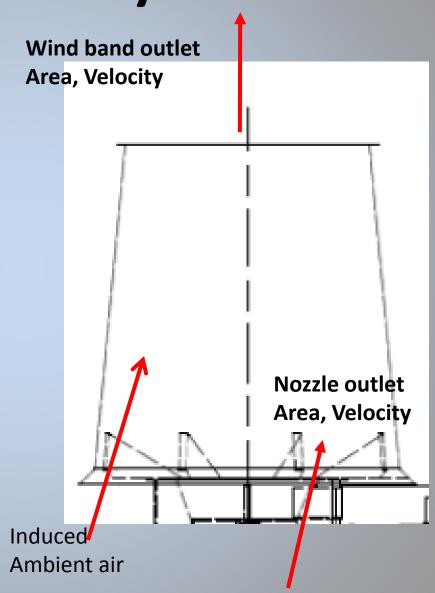
Equipment Terminology



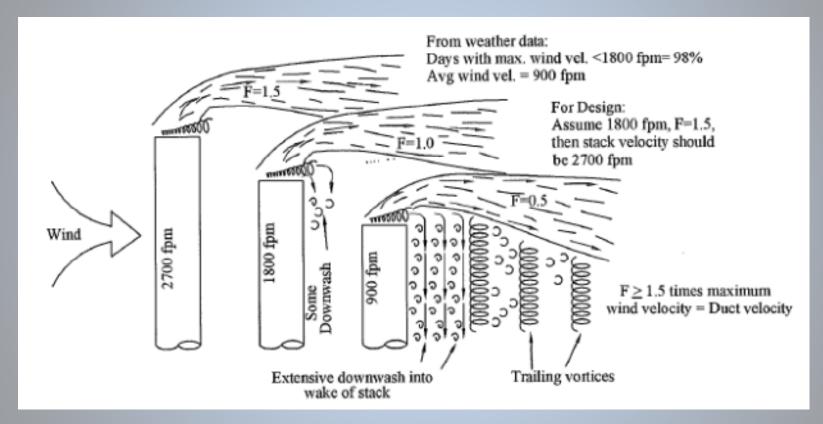
Outlet Velocity

 Achieved by Constricting the Outlet Air stream.

- V=Q/A
 - V=Outlet Velocity at Nozzle or wind band (fpm)
 - Q=Flow Rate (cfm)
 - A=Outlet Area of Nozzle or wind band (sq ft)



Why Outlet Velocity Is Important



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Outlet Velocity

•Minimum Outlet Velocity Recommendations 3000 fpm – ANSI Z9.5

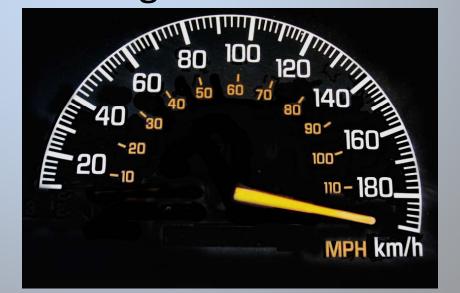
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Plume Rise

 Outlet Velocity is used to obtain your desired "plume rise".

 By exhausting the air at a higher outlet velocity you can exhaust the air to a safe distance from your building without the need

for stacks.



Effective Plume Rise

- Plume Rise needs to be great enough to avoid re-entrainment of fumes into buildings.
- Briggs Equation:

$$h_e = (3 \times \{V \times d/U\}) + h_s$$

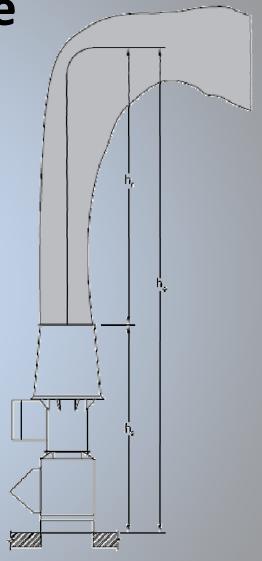
h_s = fan height (ft)

 h_r = plume rise (ft)

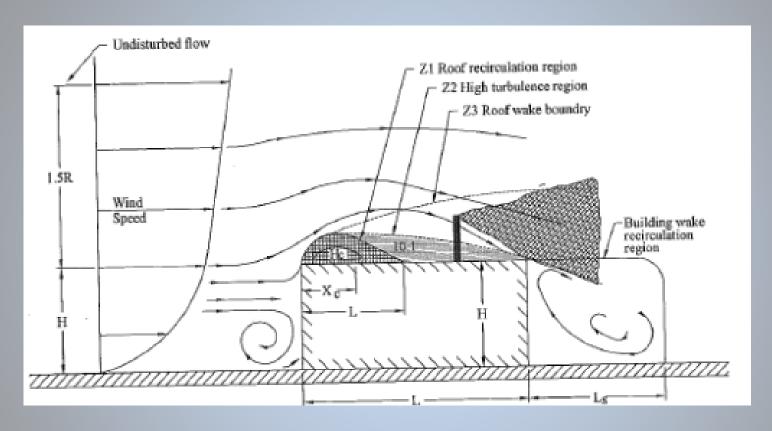
V = exit velocity at wind band (fpm)

d = outlet diameter at wind band (ft)

U = cross wind velocity (fpm)



Stack Location



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Stack Location

 It is also important to consider how other buildings or objects on your roof can effect wind flow across your building.

 Turbulence and swirl can negatively affect the plume rise coming out of your fan

Definitions

 An induced flow fan is defined by AMCA as:
 "a housed fan whose outlet airflow is greater than its inlet airflow due to induced airflow"

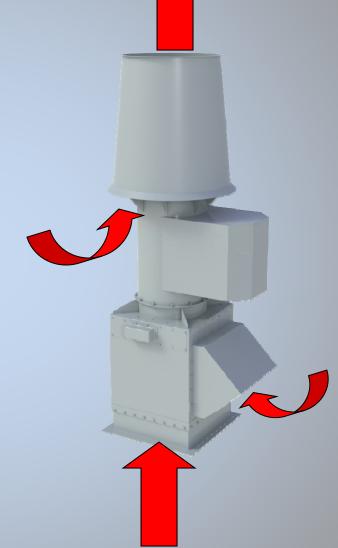
Airflow

A standard exhaust fan has an inlet flow and an outlet flow.

 An induced flow fan has 4 types of airflow that need to be considered.

Types of Airflow

- Total Discharge Flow
- Entrained/Induced Air
- Bypass Air
- Laboratory Effluent/Exhaust



Laboratory Effluent/Exhaust

 Caustic or noxious air that is being exhausted from the laboratory or fume hood within the building.



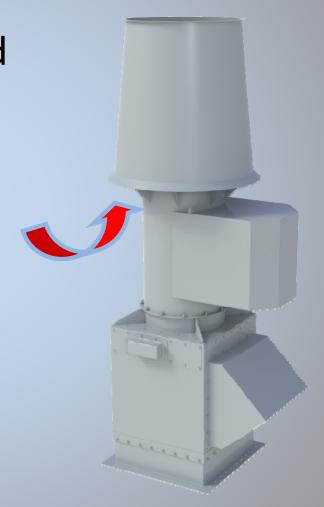
Bypass Air

 Ambient air that is drawn through the bypass air plenum and mixed with the lab exhaust to maintain plume height. Primarily used in variable volume applications to maintain a constant discharge volume.



Entrained/Induced Airflow

 Air that is entrained/induced through the wind band and mixed with the lab exhaust to increase dilution ratio.



Total Discharge Flow

Total Discharge Flow =

 laboratory exhaust +
 bypass air + induced air



Dilution

Dilution is another important part of the fume exhaust puzzle.

 By mixing clean air with the contaminated air you reduce the concentration of pollutants to a safe level.

Dilution Ratio

 The ratio of Total Discharge Flow volume divided by the Laboratory Exhaust Flow volume.

Total Discharge Flow = Dilution Ratio

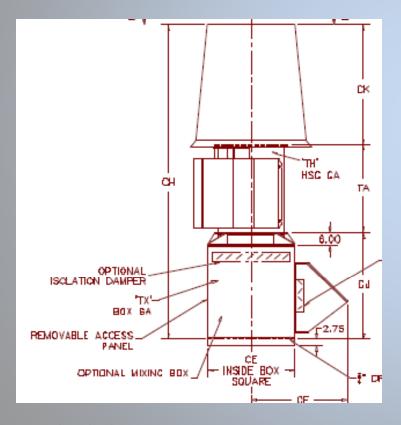
Laboratory Exhaust Flow

Exhaust Systems

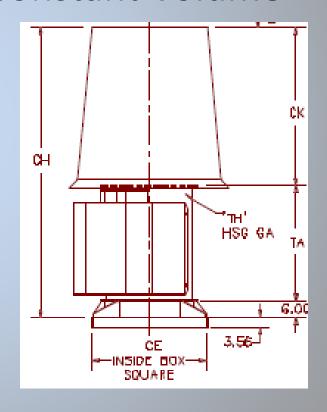
 In order to maintain the appropriate plume height and dilution ratio there must be a constant volume of air coming into the inlet of the fan.

2 Main Types of Exhaust Systems

Variable Volume



Constant Volume



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Variable Volume Exhaust System

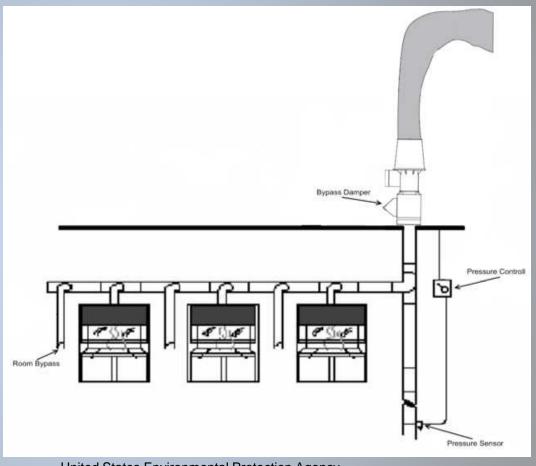
Laboratory effluent is variable

 Discharge velocity must remain constant to maintain a constant plume height

Reduces energy use by reducing laboratory airflow

Variable Volume Exhaust System

- Constant discharge velocity is maintained through the use of Bypass Air
- Different Methods
 - Mixing Plenum
 - Hood Bypass
 - Room Bypass



United States Environmental Protection Agency

Variable Volume Exhaust System

- The bypass damper generally receives it input signal from:
- A manual or timed switch
- A sash position sensor
- A pressure sensor
- A velocity sensor

Constant Volume Exhaust System

Fan sees a constant laboratory effluent at all times.

Bypass air is not needed to balance the exhaust system.

 Bypass air is still used on occasion to add additional air to the system for low volume exhaust applications.

AMCA std 260-07

- Developed to level the playing field between different manufacturers
- Consistent definitions of fan outlet flow (at wind band discharge), fan inlet flow, inlet and discharge noise
- Performance ratings cataloged are based on AMCA stds 210, 260, 300.

AMCA Standard 260-07

Laboratory Methods of Testing Induced Flow Fans for Rating



The International Authority on Air System Components

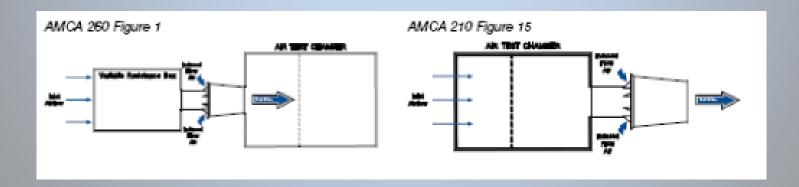
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AMCA 260 Certification

- AMCA Standard 260 establishes a uniform method of laboratory testing of induced flow fans in order to determine their aerodynamic performance in terms of inlet and outlet airflow rate, pressure developed, power consumption, air density, speed of rotation, and efficiency. This standard is an adjunct to AMCA 210 in order to accommodate the induced flow fan's unique characteristics.
- The AMCA CRP (Certified Ratings Program) ensures that all data is cataloged and verified per the relevant standards.

AMCA 260 Test Procedure

- The total discharge flow is the sum of the inlet airflow and the entrained airflow.
- The AMCA 260 Test is based on the variable resistance box simulating inlet suction pressure while discharging the flow to atmosphere at all points along the fan curve.



AMCA 260 Test Procedure



Knowing Your Laboratory

- There are 4 general types that laboratories can be divided into
 - Biological laboratories
 - Chemical laboratories
 - Animal laboratories
 - Physical laboratories
- Knowing the type of laboratory can help you design a safer, more efficient system.

Biological Laboratories

- This type of lab contains biologically active materials and could involve the chemical manipulation of these materials.
- Services fields such as biology, bio-chemistry, toxicology and many others.
- Lab will commonly have both chemical fumehoods and bio-safety cabinets

Chemical Laboratories

- This type of lab generally supports research in organic and non-organic synthesis.
- Commonly has multiple fumehoods.

Animal Laboratories

- This type of lab contains areas for animal research.
- Commonly contains fumehoods but also exhaust for animal waste and potentially contagious diseases.
- In some cases treated similar to a clean room as most research animals are very susceptible to bacteria.

Physical Laboratories

- This type of lab contains equipment for the research of physics. Could contain lasers, optics, nuclear, and electronic material.
- Generally low dust environment with hazardous gases that need to be exhausted safely.
- Could contain chemical fumehoods and/or biosafety cabinets.

Fan Types Induced Flow - Mixed Flow







Commonly available in both Belt & Direct Drive

Fan Types Induced Flow - Centrifugal



Commonly available in both Belt & Direct Drive

Fan Types Inline Centrifugal



Generally available in Belt Drive only

Selecting Your Fan Type

- What are your airflow and pressure requirements?
- What are the vibration requirements?
- What are your space requirements?
- What are you sound & noise requirements?
- What is the temperature and humidity of your surroundings and your airstream?

Common Features & Accessories

- Sealed Belt Tube (belt drive only)
- 125 mph Wind Rating
- Shaft Seals
- Wheel backplate fins
- Extended Lube Lines
- Airfoil/Centrifugal wheel designs
- Induced Flow Windband
- Bolted access door
- Weather cover
- SS Hardware

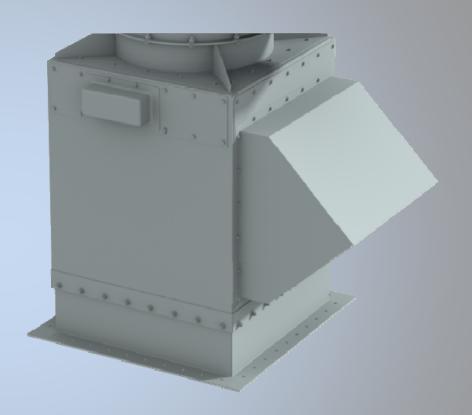


Common Features & Accessories

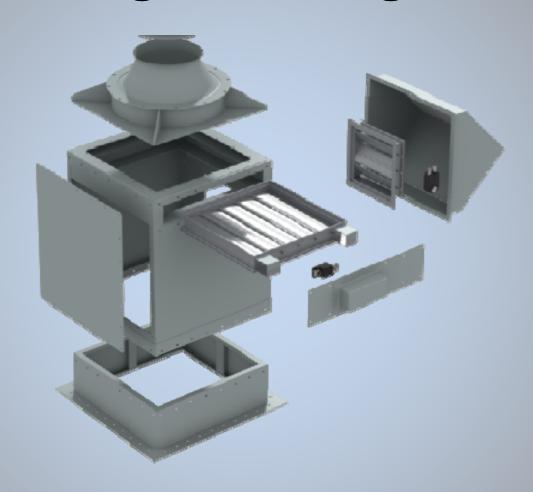
- Acoustically Attenuated Windband
 - Generally lowers sound by ~3 dba in each octive band
- Acoustically Attenuated Housing
- Jib Crane
- SS Shaft
- Roof Curb (standard is 12" high)
 - Generally supplied by manufacturer to ensure wind-load rating

Common Features & Accessories

- Mixing Plenum Box
 - Opposed Blade Bypass Damper
 - Parallel Blade Isolation
 Damper
 - Actuators
 - Vortex Breaker
 - Side Intake (Bottom Standard)
 - Access Door
 - Drain
 - Double wall construction (optional)

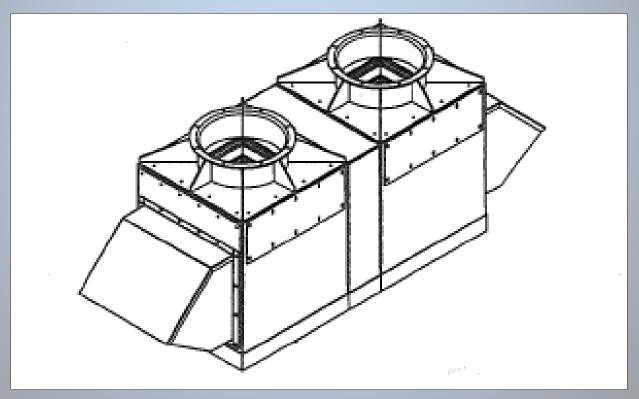


Mixing Box Design



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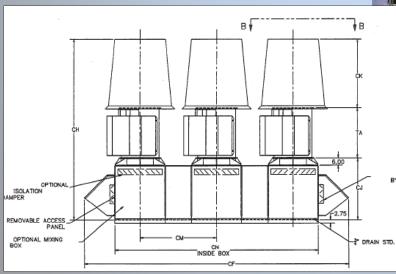
 Modular Construction makes for easier installation and shipping, as well as retro-fit situations



- Why use a common plenum mixing box?
 - Complete fan redundancy
 - Multiple smaller fans vs.
 one large fan
 - Better control of energy use
 - Ability to manifold your exhaust system



- Standard Configurations
 - Single
 - Double
 - Triple
 - Quad





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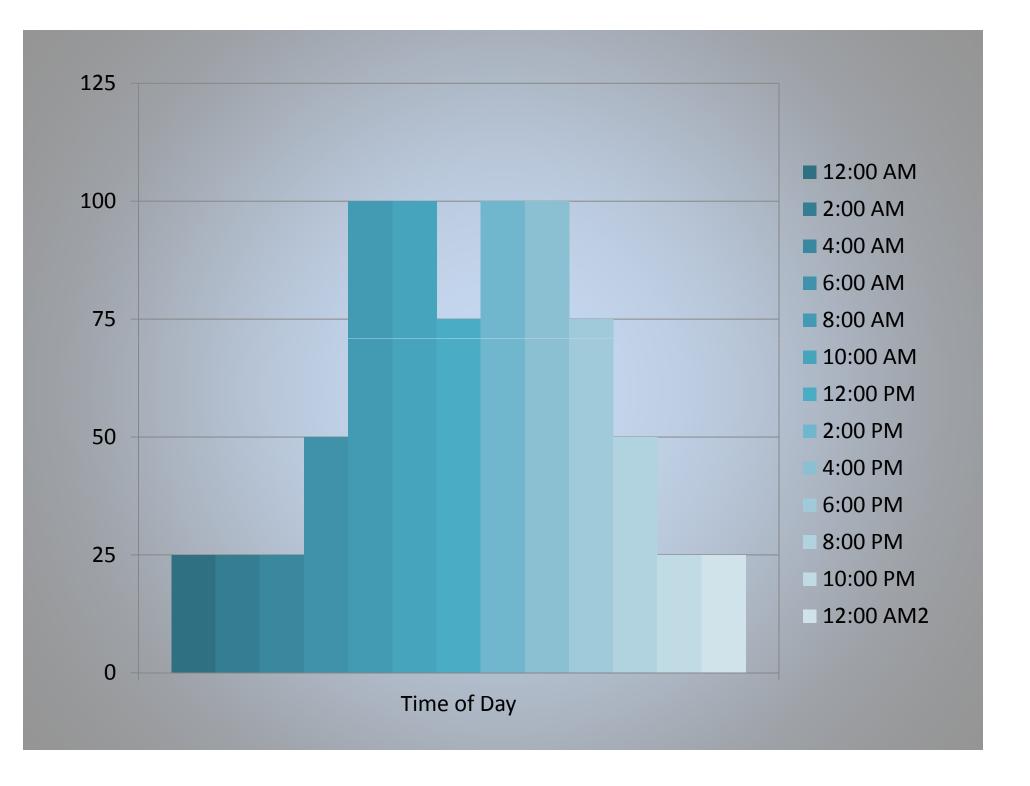
MIXING PLENUM

 Having more smaller fans on a common plenum gives your greater incremental control of overall system exhaust.

This gives you better energy usage and a more efficient building.

 As the exhaust requirements of the lab vary during occupied and non-occupied hours multiple smaller fans give you greater control of your overall exhaust

 Having 4 fans on a common plenum can give you greater energy control than having 2 fans on a common plenum



Chemical Resistance

- Material and coating selection can depend on a number of factors including, but not limited to:
- Nature, composition, and concentration of chemicals in the exhaust airstream
- Temperature of the exhaust airstream and fumes
- Humidity of the exhaust airstream and fumes
- Constant or intermittent flow
- There is no coating or material that will perfectly handle every fume exhaust condition

Chemical Resistance

- Common Coatings
 - Air-Dried Phenolic
 - Air-Dried Epoxy
 - Baked Powder
 - Baked Epoxy
- Common Materials
 - Steel
 - Fiberglass
 - Stainless Steel
 - Aluminum



Chemical Resistance

CORROSIV	ACIDS													ACID SALTS, NEUTRAL SALTS ALKALINE SALTS, ALKALIES, ETC.																					
CORROSION RESISTANT: • METALS • PAINTS • COATINGS	GROUP NO.*	NUMBER OF COATS	TEMP. RANGE (°F)	ASCETIC	BORIC	CARBOLIC	CARBONIC	CHROMIC	CITRIC	FLUOROBIC	FORMIC	HYDROBROMIC	HYDROCHLORIC	HYDROFLUORIC	HYDROCHLOROUS	LACTIC	NITRIC	PERCHLORIC	PHOSPHORIC	PICRIC	SULPHURIC ACID	SULPHUROUS ACID	ALUMINUM CHLORIDE	ALUMINUM NITRATE	ALUMINUM SULPHATE	AMMONIUM CHLORIDE	AMMONIUM HYDROXIDE	AMMONIUM NITRATE	AMMONIUM SULPHATE	BRINE	BROMINE	CALCIUM CHLORIDE	CALCIUM CARBONATE	CALCIUM HYDROIXIDE	CALCIUM DISULPHIDE
METALS LOW CARBON STEEL		_	600	U	F	F	F	F	U	Х	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	Х	U	U	U	U	U	U	Е	F	U	Х	U	F	Х	F	F
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VINYL (PVC)	II	2	140 to 175	F	G	U	G	G	G	G	G	х	G	F	х	G	G	F	G	х	F	G	G	F	G	G	G	E	G	х	U	E	Е	E	G
ZINC	III-Z	2	200 to 400	U	Е	U	Е	U	U	U	х	U	U	х	х	U	U	U	U	х	U	U	х	х	Е	G	G	E	G	х	U	G	х	G	Е
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^{*}Please refer to page 4 for descriptions.

SELECTION INSTRUCTIONS

Coatings with E or G ratings should be selected, if possible, for best results throughout.

- E = Satisfactory from 15% to 85% (depending upon coating) of concentration of furnes and for continuous operation. Also suitable for splash or condensation.
- G = Good for up to 5% to 15% of concentration of fumes. Not recommended for applications involving splash or condensation.
- F = Fair. Recommended for low (maximum 5%) concentration application. Should not be specified unless detailed application is available.
- U = Unsatisfactory and hence not recommended.
- X = Sufficient data not available at present. User comments would be appreciaated.

Perchloric Acid Exhaust

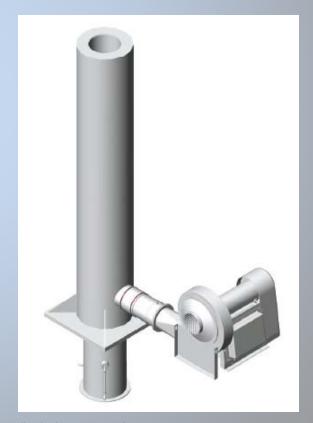
- Very dangerous!!
- Can cause build-up that is explosive if hit hard enough
- Highly corrosive
- Requires a minimum of 316 SS or PVC construction

- Ductwork and stack should be smooth with no crevices for build-up
- Perchloric exhaust systems should not be shared with other types of exhaust

Perchloric Acid Exhaust

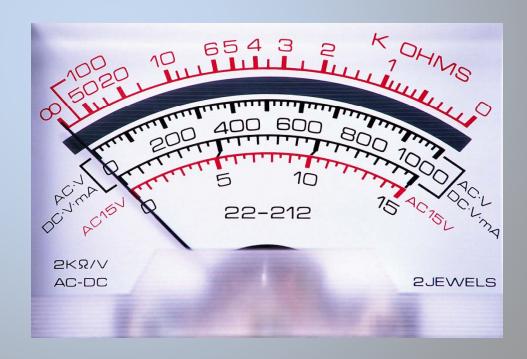
- Requires internal wash down nozzles to prevent chemical build-up
- Best to avoid moving parts in the airstream with and induced flow side mounted stack

 Must contain full drainage system



Low-Energy Design

 Laboratories can use 5 to 10 times more energy than a standard office building

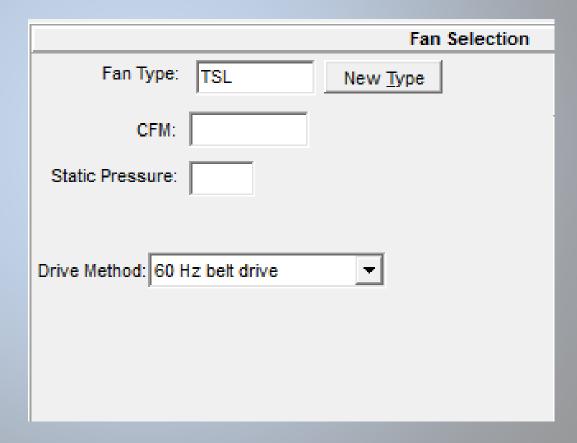


Ventilation

- The common rule of thumb is 6 to 10 air changes per hour when the space is occupied
- New studies to reduce this for specific applications to reduce energy usage in laboratories
- Animal housing laboratories could require more, up to 15 or more air changes per hour

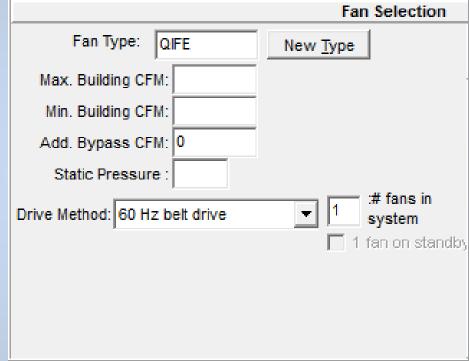
Making Fan Selections

- Standard fan selections are based on 2 main criteria and a single fans performance
 - CFM
 - Static Pressure



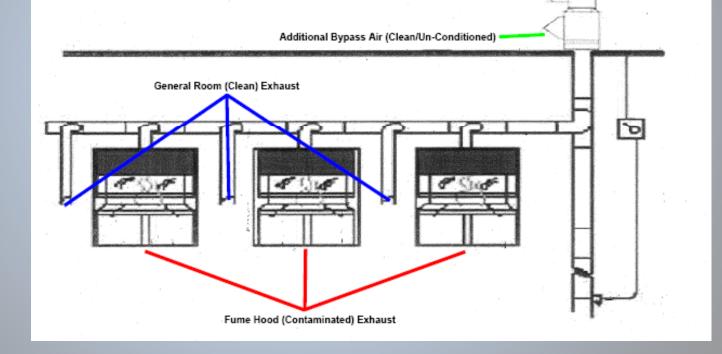
 With Induced Flow fans there are 4 main selection criteria to consider, and the performance is for an entire system.

- Maximum Building Flow
- Minimum Building Flow
- Additional Bypass Air
- Static Pressure





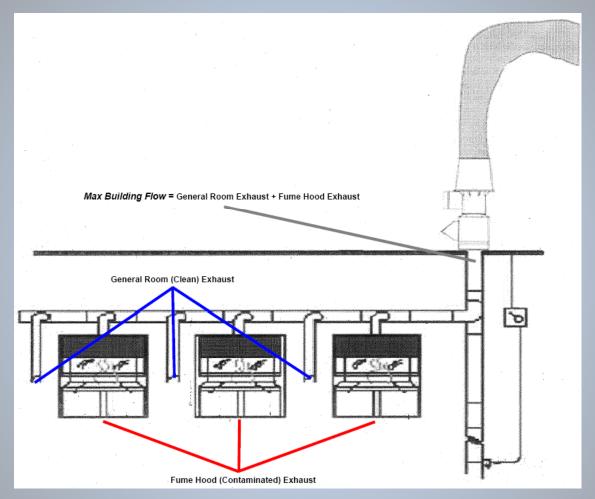
• There are 3 air types that could potentially affect the selection of fumehood exhaust fan.



Maximum Building Flow

- Max Building Flow is a combination of the contaminated fumehood exhaust and the clean general room exhaust.
- It is the total amount of air that is being exhausted from inside the building. If the selection is for a multiple fans mounted on a common mixing box then the airflow is generally for the entire, multi-fan system, not the airflow per fan.

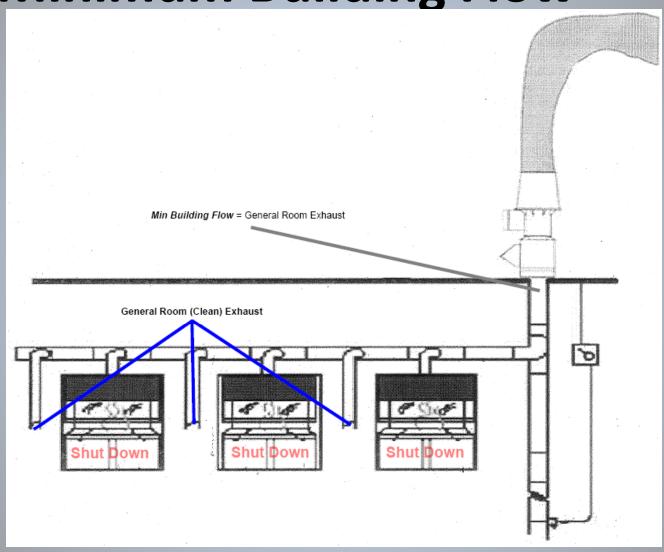
Maximum Building Flow



Minimum Building Flow

- Min Building Flow is the minimum amount of air required to be exhausted from a room for safe occupation, again entered as the entire system, not by individual fan.
- It is the clean air, general room exhaust
- The min building flow level is reached when all of the fumehoods are shut down/not in use
- In a variable volume system the additional air required to keep a constant discharge would be brought in through the bypass dampers on the roof

Minimum Building Flow



Additional Bypass Air

- There are times when the laboratory exhaust is not sufficient to reach the desired plume height or dilution ratio.
- There are also times when the exhaust flow is so low that a selection can not be made.
- You can add additional bypass air to bring up the flow going through the fan and solve either of these problems.

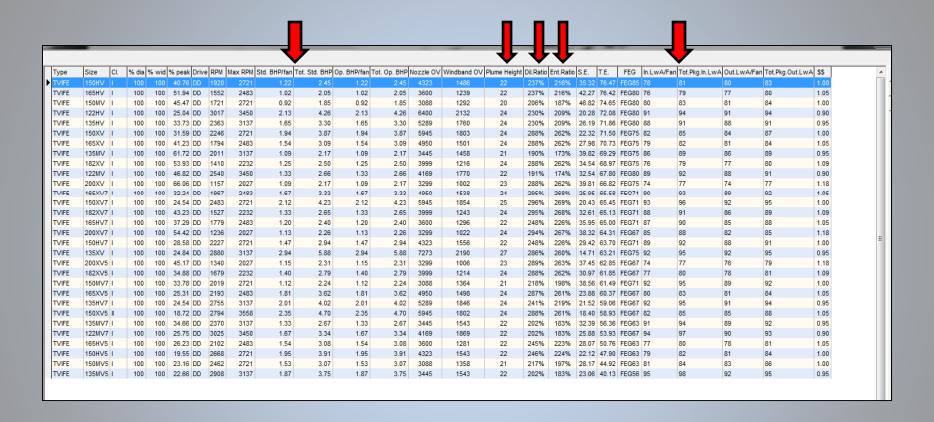
Initial Selection Tip

- If your schedule only lists one type of air flow it is generally understood that this is the Maximum Building Flow volume.
- If you are selecting a direct drive fan you may have to additional bypass air to reach to correct motor RPM, or use a variable frequency drive to change the speed of your motor.

Static Pressure

- Static pressure is at the inlet to the mixing box
- Most programs automatically account for losses due to fan/plenum box assembly and dampers

What To Watch Out For



Additional Bypass Air

- Try to minimize the amount of excess bypass air included in your system.
- The more bypass air you add in the more energy your system will require.
- Additional bypass air could cause you to use a larger HP motor.

Fan Selection - Plume Height

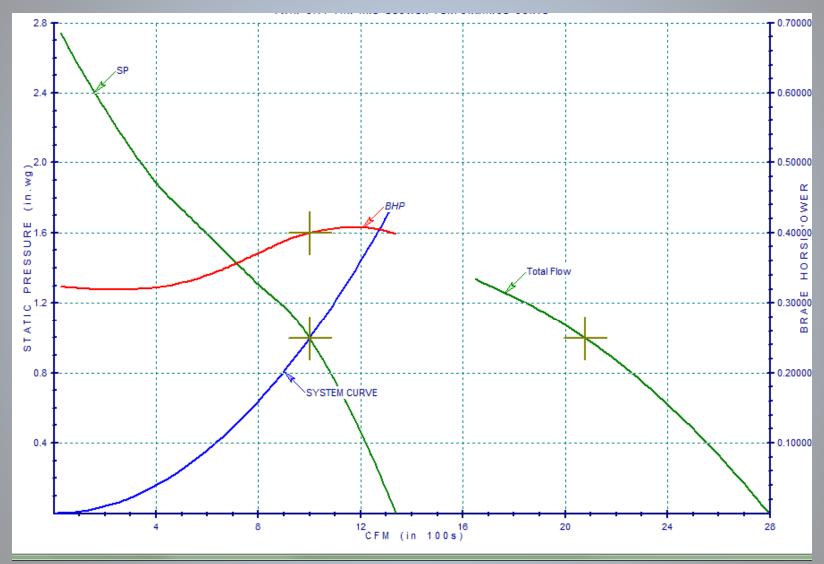
- When selecting these fans watch plume height and outlet velocity closely.
- Select a fan with a plume height that will allow you to exhaust contaminants away safely.

Fan Selection - Plume Height

 Don't automatically select the fan with the highest plume height and outlet velocity.

 A detailed study of the surround area will help determine a safe height to exhaust to without wasting energy.

Reading Induced Flow Fan Curves



Fan Quantities

- When specifying be sure to clearly state how many fans you need per plenum and if any of the fans are on standby.
- It is also important to be clear if the performance called out is per system or per fan.
- This can help ensure that you really get what you need from the fan manufacturer.

Conclusion

- Role of fume exhaust fans in modern laboratories
- Equipment & flow terminology
- AMCA 260 standard
- Know your laboratory
- Chemical resistance
- Selecting the correct fan & accessories for your application
- Saving energy on your laboratory



Thank You!

Questions?

