### LAZY A/C with KEN GEHRING President Emeritus at Therma-Stor





Weather in most regions range from very comfortable to life threatening.

Because weather depends on massive weather systems moving around the earth, you may have weather typical of the last season, current season or the next season.

Weather systems typically pass in 1-14 days.

Follow man's search for survival and comfort.



## Outline

Weather's Seasonal Impact on the House as a System

**Current Best Practices** 

Concerns

The Lazy A/C

The Gold Standard







Family adds 1-4 lbs. of moisture per hour

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Load-Calc

5/7/2016

Design Indoor Cooling Temp.: 78 °F
Design Outdoor Cooling Temp.: 93 °F
Temp. Difference Cooling: 15°F
Indoor Humidity: 50 V Grains difference: 53

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4510 Colony Oaks Coart

Area: Houston Hobby Airport, TX

Front Door Orientation: South West

Design Indoor Heating Temp.: 69	°F
Design Outdoor Heating Temp.: 34	°F
Temp. Difference Heating: 35°F	

#### Whole House Load Calculator

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TD:Cool:15°F Heat:35°F	Sq. ft types 1 and 2	shading	Sq. ft types 1 and 2	shading	Sq. ft types 1 and	2	Sq. ft.
Outside Wall: North	1: 2:	Windows x	1: 12.5 2: 12.5	Glass Doors x	1: 2:	Doors	
Outside Wall: South	1: 2:	Windows 🔻	1: 2:	Glass Doors 🔻	1: 2:	Doors	
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Outside Wall: NE & NW	1: 1500 2:	Windows x	1: 36 2: 110	Glass Doors x	1: 2:	Doors	
Outside Wall: SE & SW	1: 1440 2:	Windows 🔻	1: 75 2: 96	Glass Doors	1: 2:	Doors	
Sky Lights	N:S:	E-W:	NE-NW:	SE-SW:			
Floor - (linear ft. if slab)	1: 144 2:	Basement	Walls-above grade	below grade	<b>Sq.</b> ft.		
Ceiling	1: 170 2:	Basement	Floor	width 23 ft. or ▼	feet below grad	de: 2 ft. 🔻	
Number of Appliances	2 Fireplaces 1 V						
Number of People	4	Fresh Air	recommended:	71 CFM			
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#### Sizing Calculator based on Manual S

#### Choosing the Right Equipment (Safety Factor?)

	Nominal Tons	Power Supply V-ph-Hz	Rated Current	Capacity BTU	Performance Air Flow / Noise	Liquid Pipe	Gas Pipe	Price (full system)
	1.5	208-230/1/60	6.65 A	17500	1500 CFM / 62 DB (A)	⅔″	¾″	\$1336
nit	2.0	208-230/1/60	8.75 A	23000	1580 CFM / 62 DB (A)	3∕8″	¾″	\$1432
g U	2.5	208-230/1/60	11.95 A	30000	3000 CFM / 62 DB (A)	3∕8″	3⁄4″	\$1532
ารเท	3.0	208-230/1/60	20 A	35000	3250 CFM / 65 DB (A)	3∕8″	7∕8″	\$1674
nder	3.5	208-230/1/60	22.1 A	42000	4200 CFM / 65 DB (A)	⅔″	%″	<b>\$</b> 1764
Cor	4.0	208-230/1/60	24.3 A	48000	4400 CFM / 65 DB (A)	∛8″	11%"	\$1985
	5.0	208-230/1/60	29.4 A	57500	4250 CFM / 65 DB (A)	3∕8″	11%"	\$2118

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	4.0	208-230/1/60	2.0 A	48000	1600CFM / 55 DB (A)	3∕8″	1%"	\$1985
	5.0	208-230/1/60	3.0 A	57000	1960CFM / 58 DB (A)	3⁄8″	1%"	\$2118



HVAC system has been sized according to industry best practices, it is installed, collect \$, some would consider this done – right?

## WRONG!

Concern – the system has been sized for peak load conditions, but the house sees mostly partial and no-load conditions





# New Example: MANUAL J LOAD CALCULATION In 12, 99 betw specified and the day of the day + heat/moisture from lot and the day + heat/moisture from lot and the day - heat/moisture from lot and the da















Adding 150 pint whole house dehumidifier did not change this home much.



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What is going on?



## The Lazy A/C!











Lazy AC only - 50°F coil-deh 0n - 50°F coil A/C only - 6 lb. per hour dehu@80



#### Lbs. per of Moisture Removed per House by a Optimized 5 Ton A/C









### How to Fix the Lazy AC

## Step 1) Adjust the airflow to get desired evaporator coil temperature.

Step 2) Verify you have achieved the desired evaporator coil temperature – three options:
1) Measure suction line pressure
2) Measure dew point off the supply
3) Measure condensate at 75F/50%



### Total Cooling Capacity

Typical 5 ton HP

Slowing the air flow increases the lbs. per hour of dehumidification and slows sensible cooling



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## Option 1) Measure the suction line pressure and compare to the temperature / pressure chart

	Tempe °F	°C	R22	R40 Liquid Press	Vapor Press	R4 Liquid Press	Vapor Press	R410A	
	-40 -35 -30 -25 -20 -15 -10 -5	-40.0 -37.2 -34.4 -31.7 -28.9 -26.1 -23.3 -20.6	0.5 2.6 4.9 7.4 10.1 13.2 16.5 20.1	3.0 5.4 8.0 10.9 14.1 17.6 21.3 25.4	4.4 0.6 1.8 4.1 6.6 9.4 12.5 15.9	0.5 2.4 4.5 6.9 9.4 12.2 15.2 18.5	4.2 0.8 1.5 3.6 5.9 8.4 11.2 14.3	11.6 14.9 18.5 22.5 26.9 31.7 36.8 42.5	Cooling coil temp for 75°F, 50%RH, 55°F Dew point.
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L	45 50 53 60 65 70 75	10.0 12.8 15.6 18.3 21.1 23.9	76.0 84.0 92.0 102 111 121 132	89.2 98.3 108 118 129 141 153	70.6 78.7 96.8 106 117 128	69.2 76.4 95.7 105 114 124	62./ 69.8 77.3 85.4 93.9 103 113	130 142 155 170 185 201 217	Trained A/C techs know how to do this.
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### Option 2) Measure Dew Point at the Closest Supply





Aim for 49°F dew point (at least 5 degrees lower than desired ambient dew point)



### **Option 3) Measure Condensate Removal**



It can take up to 30 minutes of operation to wet the evaporator coil and get condensate dripping at a steady state rate out of the hose

Goal is 3 lbs of condensate per hour per ton of AC



## Let's review How The Lazy A/C Operates



THE A/C SYSTEM REQUIRES

Functioning components

The correct amount of refrigerant

Unrestricted air flow through the hot outside condensing coil.

The quantity of air flow through the cold inside cooling coil determines the sensible and latent (moisture) removal



## Let's review How The Lazy A/C Operates



At the Damp Home Condition, 1 ton of Lazy A/C Provides

12,000 btu per hour of total cooling 10,000 btu of sensible cooling 2,000 btu of latent cooling

2 lbs. per hour of dehumidification Uses the first lb. of condensate per ton of coil to load the coil/pan

A LAZY 5 ton A/C would remove only 10 lbs. per hour



## Let's review How The A/C Operates



Remember the typical A/C setup takes up to 30 minutes to wet its coil and drain pan. This is <u>before</u> any condensate drains.

At the end of cooling cycle, moisture on the coil evaporates into the home in 30 minutes (Fan-On) or 90 minutes (Fan-Auto).



## Optimize the A/C Setup for 50%RH



### In a Green Grass Climate

Adjust the A/C air flow to get a <45°F coil temperature under typical conditions.

Increase the T-stat dead band to increase the length of cooling cycle.

Set the fan operation to "Auto" mode.

This is similar to "Ideal Home" set-up

5 ton removes 15 lbs. per hour



Entering Air		Cooling & De	ehu
Dry Bulb Rel. Humidity	Wet Bulb Dew Point Absolute Humidity	Sensible Cooling Btu/h 44,261	= 1
75 °F 50 %	62.8 °F 55.13 °F 66.14 grains/lb	Latent Dehumidifying Btu/h 16,134	= 1
T = 534.67 *R		Total Cooling Btu/h 60,395	= 1
Leaving Air		Tons Total Cooling 5.03 Tons	
Dry Bulb 65 Rel. Hum dity 🔻	Wet Bulb Dew Point Absolute Humidity	ACFM <sub>1</sub> /Ton 363 ft³/min	4
52. °F 90 %	50.69 °F 49.17 °F 52.93 grains/lb	Dry Bulb Delta 23 °F	
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Return air fro the home		Return air to the home LAZY AC   $\delta T$	hei



## Proof of the Analysis? Fixed Home in TX

Before

After



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Source: Indoor Environment Engineering, 2000

Benjamin Franklin (18 Century)

Sounds like Teddy Bear's forefather?



## In Summary

To cover all your bases:

- Size HVAC according to Manual J and Manual S to handle peak design loads + occupants + fresh air ventilation+ any special needs without fear of over-sizing
- Set up the HVAC properly (Optimized vs. Lazy) to handle partial load latent conditions
- Install a whole house dehumidifier to handle low/no load conditions (70F and rainy) and to guarantee comfort in partial load situations



## **Bonus Material**

- Lazy A/C with incorrect dehumidifier install
- Controlling %RH in Unoccupied homes
- How to use the Ultra-Aire calculator
- SF Sentry









#### Example of Unoccupied Home: A/C Off with Dehumidifier set at 50% RH





inside

Dehumidifier raises the temperature 2<sup>r</sup>, lowering 4%RH + removes 4-8 lbs. per KWH









Occupied by 4 + activities add 2 lbs/hr

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### Warning! Warning! Trouble ahead, a new way to think

Resources

#### **Hazard Alerts**

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SafeWork SA issues Hazard Alerts to warn people about serious workplace safety risks. To receive new Hazard Alerts and be notified of updates use the **Notify Me ...** link.





## Below grade but All worth protecting!!

Here is practical way to get a

<u>Heads Up</u> before it is too late!!



### No surprise, its on your I phone



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No surprise, its on your IPhone









#### Outdoor/Indoor %RH















Outdoor/Indoor Temperature







#### Outdoor/Indoor Everything







Alert History









### **Connect Failure at Hope haven 2**

No connection since Jun 14 09:49 AM

Currently: RH 0.0% Temperature 0.0°F Dew Point 0.0°F

Current rule: No Connect > 8 hrs

Link to Santa Fe dehumidifer products

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Thu 6/2/2016 9:44 AM

Santa Fe Sentry <support@santa-fe-products.com>

Alert

To Ken Gehring

### Mold Warning at Hope haven

RH greater than 65% since May 25 18:59 PM

Currently: RH 68.4% Temperature 66.1°F Dew Point 55.4°F

Current rule: RH > 65% for 24 hrs

Link to Santa Fe dehumidifer products







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Thu 6/2/2016 9:44 AM Santa Fe Sentry < support@santa-fe-products.com> Alert Ken Gehring

### Water Detected at Hope haven

Water detected since May 27 20:39 PM

Currently: RH 69.2% Temperature 64.9°F Dew Point 54.6°F

Current rule: Water for > 10 mins

Link to Santa Fe dehumidifer products









Thu 6/2/2016 9:44 AM

Santa Fe Sentry <support@santa-fe-products.com>

Alert

To Ken Gehring



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#### Summary









# Prevent this from happening to you and yours!











walls.

#### MORE ABOUT CRAWL SPACES SEAL CRAWL SPACES TIGHTLY



All crawl spaces require a layer of 6-mil (or heavier) polyethylene plastic spread over the floor of the crawl space to help keep moisture and soil gases from getting in. The plastic should be continuous, taped at any seams, and mechanically attached and sealed at the perimeter. For a superior crawlspace, consider covering the polyethylene with a thin slab.

For more information on best-practice details for sealed crawl spaces, see Building an Unvented Crawl Space.

Where radon is a hazard, the crawl space can be safely vented by installing perforated plastic pipe in gravel beneath the polyethylene ground cover and running the stack up through the roof.



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For more information, see All About Radon.

Crawl space walls should be damp-proofed just like a full foundation wall to prevent water from migrating inside. If the floor of the crawl space is lower than the exterior grade, the foundation must have perimeter footing drains.

Newly built sealed crawl spaces may contain high moisture levels, especially if the crawl space was open during a spell of rainy weather before the house was closed in. In such circumstances, it may be prudent to install a portable dehumidifier in the crawl space, at least temporarily, to remove moisture that accumulated during construction. After six months, the dehumidifier can probably be safely removed.

### THE END

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#### THE BEGINNING OF CONTROLLED COMFORT

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