Heating systems are distinguished by the type of energy source and type of heating surface.

**Oil firing:** nowadays, light. **Advantages:** low fuel costs (relative to gas, approx. 10–25%); not dependent on public supply networks; fuel oil is the most widespread source of heating energy; easy to regulate. **Disadvantages:** high costs of storage and tank facilities; in rented housing, space required for oil storage reduces rent revenue; where water protection measures apply or there is a danger of flooding, this form of heating is only possible if strict regulations are observed; fuel paid for prior to use; high environmental cost.

**Gas firing:** natural gas is increasingly being used for heating purposes. **Advantages:** no storage costs; minimal maintenance costs; payment made after usage; can be used in areas where water protection regulations apply; easy to regulate; high annual efficiency; may be used for individual flats or rooms; minimal environmental effects. **Disadvantages:** dependent on supply networks; higher energy costs; concern about gas explosions; when converting from oil to gas; chimney modifications are required.

**Solid fuels** such as coal (anthracite), lignite or wood, are rarely used to heat buildings. District heating stations are the exception, since this type of heating is only economical above a certain level of power output. Also, depending on the type of fuel used, large quantities of environmentally damaging substances are emitted, so that stringent requirements are laid down for the use of these fuels (protection of the environment). **Advantages:** not dependent on energy imports; low fuel costs. **Disadvantages:** high operating costs; large storage space necessary; high emission of environmentally unfriendly substances; poor controllability.

**Regenerative forms of energy** include solar radiation, wind power, water power, biomass (plants) and refuse (biogas). Since amortisation of the installation costs is not achieved within the lifetime of the plant required, the demand for this type of energy is correspondingly low.

**Remote heating systems** are indirect forms of energy supply, as opposed to the primary forms of energy discussed above. Heat is generated in district heating stations or power stations by a combined heat/power system. **Advantages:** boiler room and chimney not required; no storage costs; energy is paid for after consumption; can be used where water protection regulations apply; environmentally friendly association of power/energy coupling. **Disadvantages:** high energy costs; dependency on supply network; if the heating source is changed, a chimney must be fitted.
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Electrical heating: Apart from night storage heating, the continuous heating of rooms by electrical current is only possible in special cases, due to the high costs of electricity. Electrical heating of rooms in temporary use may be advantageous, e.g., garages, gatekeepers’ lodges and churches. Main advantages: short heating-up period; clean operation; no fuel storage; constant availability; low initial costs.

Night storage heating is used for electrical floor heating, electrical storage heaters or for electrically heated boilers. Off-peak electricity is used to run the heaters. For electrical floor heating, the floor screen is heated overnight to provide heat during the day to the room air. Correspondingly, for electrical storage heaters and electrically heated boilers, the energy storage elements are heated during the off-peak period. However, by contrast to the floor heating system, the latter two devices can be regulated. Advantages: neither a boiler room nor chimney is required; no gases are generated; minimal space requirement; low servicing costs; no need to store fuel.

Convecors: Heat is not transferred by radiation, but by direct transmission to the air molecules. For this reason, convecors can be covered or built in, without reducing the heat output. Disadvantages: strong movement of air and the dust swirling effect; performance of convecor depends on the height of the duct above the heated body; cross-sections of air flowing into and away from the convecor must be of sufficient size. For under-floor convecors, the same prerequisites apply as for above-floor convecors. The disposition of the under-floor convecors depends on the proportion of heating requirement for the windows as a fraction of the total heating requirement of the room. Arrangement for under-floor convecors should be adopted if this proportion is greater than 70%; arrangement for 20–70%; if the proportion is less than 20%, then arrangement is favoured. Convecors without fans are not suitable for low-temperature heating, since their output depends on the throughput of air and, hence, on the temperature difference between the heated body and the room. The performance of convecors with too low a duct height (e.g., floor convecors) can be increased by the incorporation of a blower. Blower convecors are of limited use in living-room areas, due to the build-up of noise. Heaters can be covered in various ways. Losses in efficiency can be considerable, and attention should be paid to adequate cleaning. For metal cladding, the radiative heat contribution is almost entirely given to the room air. For material coverings with a lower thermal conductivity, the radiative heat is damped considerably. A representation is shown of the movement of air within a heated room. The air is heated by the heater, flows to the window and then to the ceiling and is cooled on the external and internal walls. The cooled air flows over the floor and back to the heater. A different situation arises if the heater is on a wall which is away from the window; air cools on the window, then flows cold over the floor to the heater, where it is heated up.

1. Various installation options for convecors
2. Dimensions of cast radiators
3. Dimensions of steel radiators
4. Tube radiator (3 tubes)
5. Various rib shapes for the down tubes in tube radiators
6. Section through a flat panel radiator
7. Summary of different panel radiators
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**Gas heating systems**

Regulations and legislation (UK): the provision of gas supply into a building in England, Wales and Scotland is controlled by the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations, 1998, which revoke and replace the 1994 and 1996 (amendment) regulations. They make provision for the installation and use of gas fittings for the purpose of protecting the public from the dangers arising from the distribution, supply or use of gas.

One of the major tasks of the architect is to make sure that the design provisions, such as locations of meters and pipe routes, do as much as possible to make it easy for the installer to comply with the regulations.

Gas fired appliances must be of an approved type and can only be installed in those spaces where no danger can arise from position, size, or construction quality of the surrounding building. Distances between components made of combustible materials and external heated parts of a gas appliance, or from any radiation protection fitted in between, must be sufficient to exclude any possibility of fire (i.e. ≥ 5cm). In addition, spaces between components made of combustible materials and other external heated parts, as well as between radiation protection and gas appliances or radiation protection, must not be enclosed in such a way that a dangerous build-up of heat can occur. Heaters with an enclosed combustion chamber fitted against external walls and housed in a box-like enclosure must be vented to the room, with bottom and top vents each having ≥ 600cm² free cross-section. Air vents must be arranged in accordance with details and drawings of the appliance manufacturer. The casing must have a clear space of ≥ 10cm in front and at the side of the heater cladding. Heaters not mounted on external walls must be fitted as close as possible to the chimney stack.

The minimum size and ventilation of rooms containing heating appliances is determined by the output or sum of outputs of the heating appliances. For ventilated enclosed internal areas, the volume must be calculated from the internal finished measurements (i.e. measured to finished surfaces and apertures).

All gas appliances, apart from portable units and small water heaters, must be fitted with a flue. Flues promote air circulation and help remove the bulk of gas in case the appliance is left with the gas unit. Cookers should be fitted with cowls and vents which should considerably help to remove fumes and reduce condensation on walls. Bathrooms equipped with gas heaters must be fitted with adequate ventilation and a flue for the heater. Flues for water heaters must include a baffle or draught diverter to prevent down-draughts.
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For uniform heating of the room air, convective heaters can be replaced by a floor heating system. Problems arise only where large window areas are involved, but this can be overcome by the installation of additional heating – such as floor convectors.

In general, surface heating includes large areas of surface surrounding a room and involves relatively low temperatures. Types of surface heating include floor heating, ceiling heating and wall heating. With floor heating, the heat from the floor surface is not only imparted to the room air, but also to the walls and ceiling. Heat transfer to the air occurs by convection, i.e. by air movement over the floor surface. The heat given to the walls and ceiling takes place due to radiation. The heat output can vary between 70 and 110W/m², depending on the floor finish and system employed. Almost any usual type of finish can be used – ceramics, wood or textiles. However, the diathermic resistance should not exceed 0.15m²·k/W.

House dust allergies can be a problem in heated rooms. Previously, precautions against house dust or dust mite allergy paid no attention to the effects of heating units. Heaters cause swirling of house dust containing allergens, which can then rapidly come into contact with the mucous membranes. In addition to this, there are insoluble difficulties in cleaning heaters which have convection fans. It is therefore advantageous if heaters are designed to embody the smallest possible number of convection elements and to have straightforward cleaning procedures. These requirements are fulfilled by single-layer panels without convection fans and by radiators of unit construction.

Storage of heating oil: The quantity of heating oil stored should be sufficient for a minimum of 3 months and a maximum of one heating period. A rough estimate of the annual requirement for heating fuel is 6–10l/m³ of room volume to be heated. A maximum volume of 5m³ may be stored in a boiler house. The container must be within a storage tank capable of accepting the total quantity. Storage containers in the ground must be protected from leakage, e.g. through the use of double-walled tanks, or plastic inner shells. Maximum capacities and additional safety measures are prescribed for areas where water protection regulations are in force. Within buildings, either plastic battery tanks with a capacity per tank of 500–2000 litres may be installed, or steel tanks which are welded together in situ, whose capacities may be freely chosen. The tank room must be accessible.

The tanks must be inspected for oil-tightness at regular intervals. In the event of an emergency, the tank room must be able to retain the full amount of oil. Tank facilities must have filling and ventilation pipe lines. Additionally, overfilling prevention must be incorporated and, depending on the type of storage, a leak warning system may be prescribed (e.g. in the case of underground tanks).
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The floor screed for floor heating systems must satisfy local regulations. The thickness of the screed depends on the type of covering used, its preparation and the anticipated loading. A minimum covering over the heating pipes of 45 mm is prescribed when using cement floor screed and heating pipes which are directly above the thermal insulation. If there is no finish over the basic floor, then a minimum total depth of 75 mm is required. The floor screed expands during use, and a temperature difference arises between the top and bottom surfaces of the screed.

Due to the differential expansion, tensile stresses occur in the upper region of the layer. In the case of ceramic floor coverings, this can only be countered by top reinforcement. On carpeted floors or parquet floors, the reinforcement can be avoided, since the temperature drop between the upper and lower surfaces of the floor covering is less than in the case of a ceramic finish. Special requirements are contained in the thermal insulation regulations with respect to the limitation of heat transfer from surface heating, irrespective of the choice of type of insulation method. In surface heating, the heat transfer coefficient of the component layer between the hot surface and the external air, the ground, or the building section having an essentially lower internal temperature, must not exceed a value of 0.45 W/m²K.

The maximum permissible floor surface temperature for a permanently occupied area is 29°C. For the boundary zone it is 35°C, where the boundary zone is not to be wider than 1 m. For bathrooms, the maximum permissible floor temperature is 9°C above normal room temperature.

Under normal conditions, floor heating is possible, since the heating requirement seldom lies above 90 W/m². In only a few exceptions (e.g. when there are large window areas, or when the room has more than two external walls) is there a greater heating requirement, and then additional static heating surfaces or air heating must be installed in addition to the floor heating.

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HEATING: OIL STORAGE TANKS

The fuel containment enclosures must be designed so that, if fluid escapes from a storage device, it is prevented from spreading beyond the enclosure area. The enclosures must be able to safely contain at least one tenth of the volume of all the tanks it contains, and at least the full volume of the largest tank.

Tanks in rooms: containment enclosures are required if the storage volume is ≥ 450l, unless the storage tanks are of steel with a double wall. Tanks can have a capacity of up to 100000l, with leakage indicator devices, or manufactured from glass fibre reinforced plastics of an approved type of construction, or they can be metal tanks with plastic inner linings of an approved form of construction. Containment enclosures must be constructed from non-flammable fire-resistant materials of adequate strength, leakproof and stability, and must not contain any outlets. The tanks must have access on at least two sides with a minimum clearance of 400mm from the wall, or 250mm in other cases, and at least 100mm from the floor and 600mm from the ceiling.

Classifications:
A Flash point < 100°C
Al Flash point < 110°C
All Flash point 21–55°C
AlII Flash point 55–100°C
B Flash point < 21°C with water solubility at 15°C.

Outside tanks, above ground: containment enclosures are required for capacity ≥1000l. Otherwise, conditions are as for tanks in rooms. Storage areas can be ramps. For tanks > 100 m³ capacity, clearance to the ramparts, walls or ringed enclosures must be at least 1.5m. For vertical cylindrical tanks of capacity < 2000 m³ in square or rectangular catchment areas, clearance may be reduced to 1.0m. Arrangements must be made for the removal of water and these must be capable of closure.

If water can discharge by itself, then separators must be built in. Above ground facilities require protection. A distance of at least 3m from neighbouring facilities is required if there is a storage capacity > 500 m³ and correspondingly more as capacity increases, to a clearance of 8m for a storage capacity of 2000 m³. Access routes are required for fire-fighting appliances and equipment.

Underground tanks: > 0.4m clearance of tanks from boundaries; > 1m from buildings. Underground anchorage of the tanks is required to prevent movement of empty tanks in the presence of ground water or flooding. Backfilling is required to a depth of 0.3–1m above the tanks. Also, 600mm diameter access openings into the tanks are needed, serviced by a watertight shaft with a clear width of at least 1m, and 0.2m wider than the tank access opening lid. The shaft cover must be able to withstand a test proof loading of 100kN where vehicular access is to take place. Filling points are subject to approval for combustible fluids in hazard classes AI, AlII or B. They must be immediately accessible, with protected access. The ground surface must be impermeable and constructed of bitumen, concrete or paving with sealed joints. Drainage outlets with separators, overfilling protection, and emptying and washing facilities for tanker vehicles are required.

Tankage facilities for the fuelling of all vehicles with combustible fluids in hazard classes AlII (e.g. heating oil and diesel fuel) must not be stored together with those in hazard classes Al, AlII or B. Neither must the effective regions of separators and operating surfaces of such storage areas overlap.

Requirements for all tanks: Ventilation and venting facilities must be sited at least 500mm above the access cap, or above ground level in the case of underground tanks, and be protected from the ingress of rain water. Devices must be provided to determine the filling levels in the tanks. Access openings must have a clearance diameter of at least 600mm and visual inspection openings, 120mm diameter. Protection must be provided against lightning and electrostatic discharge. Additional provisions cover flame spread resistance, internal and external corrosion, and fire extinguishers of the appropriate type. Tanks for diesel fuel or heating oil EL with a capacity over 1000l, must have fill meters and overfill protection.
SOLAR ARCHITECTURE

Components

Essentially, economic considerations led architects and building developers to seek alternatives to the conventional fossil fuel sources of energy. Today, equal emphasis is placed on the ecological necessity for change. By means of energy conscious construction, the energy requirements of living accommodation can be reduced by around 50% in comparison to older buildings.

Energy balance of buildings

Solar energy is available free of charge to every building. Unfortunately, in many climatic areas, solar radiation is very low, so that other forms of energy must be used for room heating, hot water, lighting and for the operation of electrical appliances.

The greatest energy losses from a building arise due to the conduction of heat through windows, walls, ceilings and roofs.

Considerations of energy conscious construction

There are three fundamental points which lead to a considerable reduction in the energy requirement of a domestic building:

1. Reduction of heat losses
2. Increase in energy saving through the use of solar radiation
3. Conscious efforts by users to improve the energy balance

The choice of building location itself can reduce the heat losses from a building. Within a small area in a region, conditions will vary; e.g. wind and temperature conditions vary with the altitude of a building site.

Relatively favourable microclimatic conditions result on south-facing slopes when the area of ground is situated on the upper third of the slope but away from the crest of the hill.

The shape of the building plays an important role in terms of energy conscious construction. The outer surface of the building is in direct contact with the external climate and gives up valuable energy to the outside air. The design of the building should ensure that the smallest possible external surface is presented to the outside air in relation to the volume of the building. The shape to be aimed for is a cube, although a hemisphere in the ideal case. However, this ideal assumption applies only to a detached house.

1. Average daily totals of solar radiation (MJ/m²)

Incident radiation angle (height of sun at the geographical latitude 50°N at various times, over the course of a year)

To keep the reduction in radiation as small as possible, each individual influencing factor should be carefully considered

The dependency of the level of incident radiation on a surface on the angle of incidence

Both effects act simultaneously in two dimensions - height and azimuth angle variation

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Organisation of the ground plan
In the passive utilisation of solar energy, the heat is utilised through direct incident radiation and heat storage in specific structural components such as walls and floors.

Because of the conditions under which solar energy is used passively, the arrangement of the ground plan necessarily follows a particular logical layout. The continuously used living and sleeping accommodation should be south-facing and provided with large window areas. It is useful to provide glazed structures in these living and sleeping areas. There are three important reasons for this:
1. Extension of the living area
2. Gain in solar energy
3. Provision of a thermal buffer zone

The little-used low-temperature unheated rooms, with low natural light requirements should be north-facing. They act as a buffer zone between the warm living area and the cold outside climate.

Use of solar energy
In the use of solar energy, a distinction is drawn between the active and passive use of solar energy.

The active use of solar energy necessitates the application of equipment such as solar collectors, pipework, collector vessels circulation pumps for the transfer of the solar energy. This system entails large investment and maintenance costs which must be recovered solely by saving in the cost of energy. As a result, such systems cannot be operated economically in single family houses.

The passive use of solar energy necessitates the use of specific structural components as heat stores, such as walls, ceilings and glazed units. The efficiency of this system depends on specific factors:
1. Climatic conditions – mean monthly temperature, solar geometry and incident solar radiation, hours of sunshine and level of incident energy radiation
2. Method of using the solar energy – indirect usage, direct usage
3. Choice of materials – absorption capability of the surface and heat storage capability of the materials

Heat losses and temperature differences as a function of position on the terrain:

- 81% hemisphere
- 92% cylinder
- 98% pyramid
- 10% cube
- 100% half cube with 4 compact units
- 51% row of units
- 42% separated units
- 33% slacked units

Surface optimisation – the heat loss reduces in proportion to the reduction in surface area

Direct usage of solar energy through glazed surfaces

Indirect use of solar energy through a Trombè wall

Winter day: incident solar radiation heats the air between the pane and the Trombè wall; room air is circulated through the lower and upper flaps and thus heated

Winter night: thoroughly warmed wall acts as a radiant heat surface in the room; with the upper and lower flaps closed, the stationary layer of air between the external glazing and the Trombè wall helps to reduce the heat loss
SOLAR ARCHITECTURE

1. Large ventilation openings are important for climate regulation of glass structures during summer.

2. External sun shades are effective in preventing solar radiation from entering the structure, but weather quickly.

3. Building extensions: maximum sun required in winter; shade from neighbouring buildings is a disadvantage.

4. In summer, a degree of shading is desirable: trees, bushes, etc., can give an effective balance.

5. Solar town house with winter gardens for two storeys.

6. Alternative ways of adding glass structures to existing buildings.

7. Single family house with glazed extension.

8. The function of hypocaustic gable wall heating.

9. Plan view - ground floor.


11. Section - ground - upper.


Architect: LOG

Architect: Béla Babits, Archweld

Architect: Berndt


Architect: Planning team LOG

Glass house: sub-tropical plants, average relative humidity 40-65%, high oxygen content, habitable approx. 300 days/year.
SOLAR ENERGY

About 1.5 m² of collector area and about 100 l volume of water in the storage tank is needed per person in the household. A 30-pipe solar collector with an absorption surface of 3 m² is needed to produce hot water for a 4-person household. The collector will produce about 8.5–14.0 kWh solar heat per day, depending on the amount of sunshine, i.e. enough to heat 200–280 l of water. Within the foreseeable future, the sun cannot provide enough power for heating, so solar heating installations still require a conventional heating system.

There are two different technologies. Solar heat: thermal collection of solar energy using collectors (equipment which catches and accumulates solar thermal energy). Thermal energy is used to heat water. Solar electricity: photovoltaics is the direct conversion of the sun’s rays into electrical energy (direct current) with the help of solar cells.
VENTILATION AND AIR CONDITIONING

Humidity of room air
For comfort, the upper limit for the moisture content of the air is 11.5 kg of water per kg of dry air. A relative humidity of 65% should not be exceeded. The minimum flow of fresh air per person for cinemas, banqueting halls, reading rooms, exhibition halls, sports halls is 20 m³/h. The value for individual offices, canteens, conference rooms, rest rooms, lecture halls and hotel rooms is 30 m³/h; it is 40 m³/h for restaurants, and 50 m³/h for open plan offices.

Room ventilation systems are used to guarantee a specific room climate. In fulfilling this objective, the following requirements must be satisfied, depending upon the application:

(a) Removal from rooms of impurities in the air including smoke and other harmful substances, and suspended particles
(b) Removal of perceptible heat from rooms: unwanted quantities of both hot and cold air
(c) Removal of latent heat from rooms: enthalpy flows of humidifying air and dehumidifying air
(d) Protective pressure maintenance: cycle maintenance in buildings for protection against unwanted air exchange.

Most of the requirements under (a) are solved through continuous replacement of air (ventilation) and/or suitable air treatment (filtering). Requirements of type (b) and (c) are usually met by air replacement. Requirements of type (d) are solved by various types of mechanical control of supply and extraction air.

Natural ventilation
Uncontrolled air is admitted through joints and gaps in window frames, doors and shutters (as a result of the effects of wind) rather than through the walls. However, the increased use of thermal insulation measures in buildings means that the natural sources of ventilation through gaps in windows and doors may no longer be adequate. It may therefore be necessary to provide controlled ventilation in living accommodation, using mechanical ventilation systems and, if necessary, to replace the heat lost as a consequence.

Window ventilation → ⑤→⑥ p.179 is generally adequate for living rooms. Sash windows are favourable, where the outside air is admitted at the bottom and internal air flows out above.

Intensive ventilation is brought about by mechanical ventilation systems. In accordance with the building regulations, this is a requirement for windowless bathrooms and WCs, with the removal of air to the outside via ducting. Allowance should be made for the requirement of a flow of replenishment air through ventilator grills, windows and/or gaps in the fabric of the building. Furthermore, as far as is possible, draught-free admission of the outside air must be provided.

The installation of simple ventilator grills in outside walls for inflow and outflow of air leads to the danger of draughts in the winter. Mechanical ventilation systems are better.
Several handling stages are usually involved in ventilation and air conditioning. Filtering; air heating; air cooling; and washing, humidifying and evaporative cooling are discussed on this page. For ventilation and dampening - p. 107.

**Filtration**

Air cleaning to eliminate coarse dust particles:

(a) Oiled metal filter plates in air filter chambers or automatic circulation filters; used particularly for the ventilation of industrial premises. Disadvantage: continuous renewal of oil mist.

(b) Dry layer filter mats made of textile or glass fibre in metal frames; not recoverable; also as roll tape filter with automatic cleaning.

Fine cleaning and separation of fine soot

(c) Electrostatic air filter; the dust is ionised and deposited on negatively charged metal plates. Very low air resistance. Disadvantages: large filter chambers; cleaning with warm water.

(d) Fine filtering through filter media of paper, or glass fibre. Advantages: cheap to manufacture; no corrosion from air containing harmful substances; high operating safety. Disadvantage: greater air resistance than electro filters, which increase as the filter is soiled, leading to disruption of the air flow.

(e) Air washing: removes dust or aerosols and acid fumes, but not soot, and therefore should not be used in areas with many oil-fired heating installations.

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<sup>(1)</sup> Air filters having a high mean efficiency may also satisfy the classification requirements for suspended material filter class

1. **Air filter classes**

2. **Air heating**

(a) Controllability is limited with simple gravity-circulation solid fuel heating installations.

(b) Controllability is good with natural gas and heating oil, and with electrically heated equipment.

(c) Heating with low-pressure steam, warm and hot water, using finned tube radiators made from galvanised steel or copper tube with copper or aluminium fins. Good, simple controllability. No need for local chimneys and flues.

3. **Air cooling**

Used principally for industry when constant temperature and humidity must be maintained over the whole year, also for commercial buildings and office blocks, theatres and cinemas in summer.

(a) Cooling of the air with mains water or spring water. At a temperature of 13°C, spring water should be allowed to drain back again as much as possible on account of the ground water table level. In most towns, the use of mains water for cooling is not permitted and is uneconomical anyway, due to the high price of water. Spring water systems require the approval of the water authorities.

(b) Compression cooling systems for room air conditioning must accord with strict regulations and must use non-poisonous refrigerants such as Freon 12 or Freon 22 (F12, F22), etc. If the cooling plant is in the direct vicinity of the central air conditioning area, direct evaporation of the refrigerant should take place in the cooling radiators of the air conditioning plant. Since 1995, substances containing CFCs are prohibited.

(c) In large installations, cooling of the water takes place within a closed circuit, with distribution by pumps. Advantages: the central cooling plant can be in an area where noise and vibration are not troublesome; very safe in operation. Today, compact cold water systems and prefabricated air conditioning/cooling units are available.

For large cooling installations

(d) Compression of the refrigerant in a sealed unit turbo compressor (complete machine installation with compressor, water-cooler and condenser), low vibration and very low noise levels.

(e) Absorption cooling facility with lithium bromide and water. Due to the vapourisation of the water, heat is extracted from the water to be cooled; water vapour is absorbed by the lithium bromide and continuously evaporated in the cyclic process, then condensed again and passed to the first vapourisation process. Very low noise levels; vibration-free system requiring little space.

(f) Steam jet cooling: A high velocity steam jet induces a negative pressure in a vessel. Circulating cooling water becomes atomised and vapourised, with simultaneous cooling. The cold water is transferred to the air coolers of the air conditioning plant. This method of cooling is employed in industrial applications.

The condenser heat must be disposed of in all mechanical cooling systems. Various means are employed for this purpose, e.g. water cooled condensers, which are cooled by spring water or circulating water, and air cooled condensers. On water-cooled condensers, the spring water installation requires approval by the local water authorities. Also, careful checks should be made as to whether the spring water contains any aggressive substances which would damage the condensers in the cooling installation. If appropriate, sea water resistant condensers must be used (cost factors).

A return cooling system is necessary on circulating water installations (cooling tower). In the cooling tower, circulating water is sprayed by jets. The water then flows over layers of granular material and is blown through with air (evaporative cooling). The cooling towers should be sited away from buildings or, better still, be sited on the roofs of buildings, due to the level of noise generated. The same applies to air cooled condensers.

4. **Washing, humidifying, evaporative cooling**

Air washers provide humidification for dry air (when correctly set) and, to a certain degree, they can also provide air cleaning. By means of saturation, i.e. increasing the absolute water content of the air in the washer, 'evaporative cooling' can take place at the same time; this provides the possibility of cheap cooling for industrial air conditioning facilities in areas where the outside air is of low humidity. The water is very finely atomised in the air washer, through the use of pumps and jet sprays. The sprays are housed in galvanised steel sheeting or watertight Masonry or concrete. An air rectifier or water-control sheeting prevents the escape of water into the conditioning chamber.

5. **Other humidifying devices**

(a) Evaporation vessels on heating elements or atomisers.

(b) Centralised device with steam or electrically heated evaporation vessels (disadvantage is scaling).

(c) Rotating atomisers (aerosol apparatus) – only usable where low volumes of air are involved.
The efficiency of a good ventilation design can be 80-90%, depending on the application. Both radial and axial fans produce the same noise levels up to a total delivery pressure of approx. 40 mm head of water. Above this level, axial fans are louder and they are used particularly in industrial construction. Special foundations are provided with damping elements to isolate vibration levels.

1. Air admission grilles showing flow directions

2. Ventilation openings: a = self opening; b,c,d,e = non-moving; d = for dark rooms; f = manually operated

3. Air inlet and outlet grilles

**Sound damping**

Sound dampers are provided in air ducts to reduce noise from installed machinery into the air-conditioned rooms. The length of these in the direction of air flow is 1.5–3 m, depending on the damping to be achieved. The design may embody baffles made from non-combustible material, e.g. moulded fibre boards or from sheeting with a rockwool filling. The requirements for sound insulation in building construction should be observed.

Ducts and air outlets and inlets are in galvanised steel sheet, high-grade steel or fire-resistant fibre board or similar. Ideally, the cross-section should be square or round, or rectangular with an aspect ratio of 1:3. Regular servicing is necessary, and the requirements for fire protection of ventilation systems must be observed.

Masonry or concrete built ducts are more economical than sheet construction for large floor or rising ducts. Masonry ducts dampen noise better than concrete. The insides should be smoothly plastered and have a washable surface coating. Air entry ducts should be provided with lightweight insulation only, so that heat retention is avoided. The duct cross-sections should be large enough for cleaning (soiling impairs the condition of the air). So, the floor air-exhaust ducts should be equipped with drainage pipes or channels with sealed screwed connections and the air ducting should have adequate access openings for cleaning purposes.

Cement fibre ducts (asbestos-free) are suitable for moist, non-acid containing air and plastic ducts for aggressive, gaseous media. Inlet and outlet gratings should not be sited in accessible floor areas (except in industrial construction and electronic data processing rooms). Air outlets are crucial for the distribution of air in rooms; the flow should be directed horizontally and vertically. Grilles for air inlets and outlets should be designed from an air conditioning standpoint, but should also be easy to clean – ideally made from stowe enamelled sheet.

The introduction of air into offices should, when possible, be at a window (point of most pronounced passage of cold and heat). Air removal should be on the corridor side. For theatres, cinemas and lecture rooms, admit air under the seats, and remove through the ceiling. This method depends on the shape and usage of the room.

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**Plant rooms**

Air conditioning and ventilation systems should be considered during preliminary planning, as they have a major influence on building design and construction. Plant rooms should be as near as possible to the rooms to be air-conditioned, provided this is acoustically acceptable, and have good accessibility. The walls should be of masonry, plastered, with a washable coating, preferably tiled.

Floor drainage should be provided in all compartments, and have traps and airtight removable covers. Where plant rooms are above other rooms, watertight floors should be provided. External walls need insulation and vapour barriers, to avoid damage by condensation. The extra floor loading for machinery in a plant room can be 750–1500 kg/m², plus the weight of the wailing of the air ducting. In situations where there are extremely high requirements for noise and vibration reduction, consideration should be given to flexible mounting and isolating a plant room as a ‘room within a room’.

Space requirements for air conditioning equipment are very much dependent on the demand for air filtering and sound damping. In narrow, long floor shapes, the compartments can be arranged in sequence, one after the other.

- Simple industrial conditioning systems: approx. 12 m long
- For full air conditioning systems: approx. 16–22 m long
- For air extract systems: approx. 4–6 m long.

Width and height (clear space) for industrial and full air conditioning system plant rooms:

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An additional 1.5–2 m should be allowed for assembly and maintenance access. In the case of large installations, for heating and air conditioning distribution systems, allowance should be made for common maintenance access and space for the control panel.

**Air conditioning systems for large offices**

It is useful to use several conditioning systems for large and open planned rooms. An isolated conditioning zone can be installed in the façade area (high-velocity systems) and a separate area for the internal zone, with low pressure or high velocity systems.

**Example of a high pressure air conditioning system (System LTG).**
High-pressure air conditioning systems
To meet the demand for heat in winter and cooling in summer, large cross-sections of low-pressure air conditioning systems are needed – it is not for ventilation. High pressure air conditioning systems require only approx. 1/3 of the usual air quantities; they use external air for ventilation while transporting heat and cold through water pipes (1 m³ of water can transport approx. 3450 times more heat than 1 m³ of air). An air conditioning convector unit (with special air outlet jets and a heat exchanger) installed under every window is supplied with conditioned air and cooled or heated water. Regulation takes place only at the heat exchanger. Smaller quantities of air enable smaller control rooms to be used and with acceptable air conditioning. The external air is cleaned using a pre-filter and a fine filter. The whole building is at a slight positive pressure with respect to the outside, so that any air gaps in the building fabric have virtually no effect.

Air conditioning convectors
General requirements: noise intensity ≤ 30–33 phon; air filter for cleaning the secondary air; heat exchanger must be able to ensure full heating to room temperature in any weather, even without the ventilation air system; cold water temperature in summer must be 15–16°C, or the cooling operation will be uneconomical and condensation will form on window systems (soiling of cooling surfaces). For ideal flow conditions without vibration, high-pressure air ductwork should be of round section where possible. With a vertical arrangement of supply lines and window spacings of 1.5–2 m, alternate the structural columns with vertical service ducts containing the air ductwork and water pipes. Rising air ductwork for buildings with 7 storeys are 175–255 mm diameter. For taller buildings, separate

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supplies lines are needed for each 7–10 storeys and a storey devoted to the installation of heating and ventilation plant. A more expensive arrangement involves a main air shaft, with horizontal distribution along the corridors and branching ductwork directed outwards into the ceiling voids above rooms, to terminate directly behind the facade above the windows, or, at floor level, in the rooms above through holes in the floor structure. Max. office depth for high-pressure installations: 6 m, beyond which air cooling requires an additional central conditioning system. Max. building depth without a central system: (2 × 6 =) 12 m plus the corridor. Air can be removed through ducts over corridor wall storage cupboards or in ducting above the corridors and through WCs. In high-pressure systems, air is not recirculated (the air mass has already been reduced to that required for acceptable ventilation). For limited operation, the primary air flow can be reduced in the plant room.

Ventilation systems for kitchens
For large kitchens (height 3–5 m), render the upper sections (walls and ceilings) in porous plaster (no oil painting); provide 15–30 air changes, pressure below atmospheric, creating air flow from adjacent rooms into the kitchen; use larger radiators as appropriate; group boilers, cookers and fryers together; provide air extraction with a fat filter; clean ducting annually; filter and heat the air inlet flow in winter. No air circulation system is needed; local heating and insulating glazing are needed.

1 High-pressure air conditioning system (System LTG)
COLD STORAGE ROOMS

To determine the cooling requirements for cold rooms, attention must be paid to the requirements of the commodities stored; humidity content, air changes, cooling or freezing duration, type of storage, etc. Also, consider the specific heat of the goods, internal environment, method of manufacture, position, heat from lighting and movements within the cold store. Calculation of the cooling requirement takes the following form (cf. pp. 111–16):

1. Cooling/refrigeration of the goods (cooling to the freezing point – freezing – supercooling) \( Q = m \times c_p \times \Delta T \); if goods are to be frozen solid, the necessary heat must be removed at the freezing point, and, subsequently, the specific heat of the frozen goods is lower; the humidity extraction is approximately 5%.

2. Cooling and drying of the extracted air

3. Heating effects through walls, ceiling, floor

4. Losses: movements in and out of storage (door opening), natural and electric lighting, pump and ventilator operation

5. Condensation of water vapour on walls

The cold storage of freshly slaughtered meat is cooled from 303.15K to a temperature of 288.15K. This is achieved by placing it in a temperature of 280.15–281.15K at a relative humidity of 85–90% in the pre-cooling room for 8–10 hours, and then storing it at 275.15K–281.15K at a relative humidity of 75% for up to 28–30 hours in the cool room. Cooling and storage takes place separately. Weight loss over 7 days is 4–5%. Today, rapid cooling is used increasingly, no pre-cooling stage, meat is cooled from a slaughter temp. of 303.15K to a storage temp. of 274.15K, with 60–90 circulations of the air per hour and at a relative humidity of 90–95%.

Meat cooling and refrigeration

The freezing process changes the condition and distribution of the water in meat, while the meat composition remains unchanged.

Beef is frozen to 261.15K and pork to 258.15K, at a relative humidity of 90%. Duration of freezing: mutton, veal, pork, 2–4 days; beef, hindquarters 4 days, forequarters, 3 days. Correct thawing period: 3–5 days to 275.15–281.15K, restores the meat to a fresh condition.

Recently, mainly in the USA, rapid freezing methods have been employed, at temperatures of 248.15–243.15K, involving 120–150 air circulations per hour. The advantages are: lower weight loss, increase in tenderness, replacement of the curing process, lower liquid loss, good consistency and preservability after thawing.

Storage duration is dependent on the storage temperature; for example, for beef the storage duration is 15 months at 255.15K, 4 months at 261.15K and 3 months at 263.65K.

Cold room volume: 1m³ is suitable for the storage of 400–500kg of mutton, 350–500kg of pork, 400–500kg of beef, with a standard stacking height of 2.5m.

Refrigeration of fish

Fresh fish can be maintained in this condition on ice at 272.15K and at a relative humidity of 90–100% for a period of 7 days. Longer storage times can be achieved through the use of bactericidal ice (calcium hypochlorite or capronite). For even longer storage, rapid freezing to 248.15–233.15K is required, if necessary use glazing with fresh water to keep air out and prevent drying up. Fish crates are 90 x 50 x 34, giving a weight of approx. 150kg.

Refrigeration of butter

Butter refrigerated to 265.15K has a storage duration of 3–4 months and a duration of 6–8 months at a temperature of 258.15–252.15K. Lower temperatures can provide a period of up to 12 months. The relative humidity should be 85–90%. Butter drums are 600mm high with a diameter of 350–450mm, resulting in a weight of 50–60kg.

Refrigeration of fruit and vegetables

Immediate cooling is required, since a reduction of temperature to 281.15K delays ripening by 50%. Storage duration depends on air quality (temperature, relative humidity, movement), variety, maturity, soil quality, fertilisation, climate, transportation, pre-cooling, etc.
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Brewery products
Malt floors: 8–0°C
Cooling requirement per m² of floor area: 5000–8300 kJ/day
Fermentation cells: duration is 8–10 days at 3.5–6°C
Cooling requirement: 4700–5800 kJ/day per m² of floor area
Cooling requirement for the fermentation vat cooling: 500–630 kJ per hl fermented wort per day
Storage cellar: -1.0°C to +1.5°C, cooling requirement approx. 20–25 W/m³, related to the empty room, or 2.5–3 kcal/h per hl of storage capacity
Installed cooling power: approx. 2.1–2.3 Whr yearly output

Room cooling, general
From the viewpoint of reserves and safety, the cooling system is designed to have a higher performance than the calculated cooling requirement. It is assumed that the cooling system will operate for 16–20 hours per day in cooling and freezing rooms; in individual cases, e.g. for efficient utilisation of electrical tariffs, the period may be even shorter. In most cold storage rooms, the cooling power should not be too high, so that during periods of reduced cooling requirements, adequate operating durations and the required throughput of air in the room will still be guaranteed.

In small commercial cold storage rooms with a temperature of approx. 2–4°C and a product throughput of 50 kg/m² per day, the following table serves as a reference to determine the cooling requirement and the requisite power of the cooling system:

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The following figures can be used for further calculations:

Cold storage rooms with multi-storey construction:
5000–8400 kJ/day/m²
Cold stores of single-storey construction:
1050–1700 kJ/day/m²

Storage capacity per m² of floor area – hanging storage – after reduction of 15% for gangways: mutton 150–200 kg (5–8 items), pork 250–300 kg (3–5.5 complete, 6–7 sides), beef 350 kg (4–5 quarters of beef)

Per running metre – low hanging rail: 5 halves of pork or 3 quarters of beef or 2–3 calves
Distance from centre to centre of rails (low rail): approx. 0.65 m, height to centre of rail: 2.3–2.5 m
Distance from rail to rail (high rail): 1.20–1.50 m with free passage way; height with tabular track: 3.3–3.5 m
Per running metre of high rail: 1–1.5 m (2–3 sides of beef), depending on size

Estimate of cooling requirements for meat: rapid cold storage room, 21000–31500 kJ/m²/day; most rapid cold storage room, 4200 kJ/m²/hour

Storage room for frozen meat – storage capacity per m³ of room volume: frozen mutton, 400–500 kg; frozen pork, 350–500 kg; frozen beef, 400–500 kg

Standard stacking height: 2.5 m

Fat becomes rancid with the passage of time under the effects of light and oxygen, so that the storage duration is limited.

Meat curing room: temperature 6–8°C

Cooling requirement per m² of floor area: 4200–5000 kJ/day

Brine in curing vats absorbs moisture from the air.
One railway goods wagon of 15000 kg loaded weight can accept approx. 170 hanging sides of pork over a floor area of 21.8 m².

Cooling of eggs
Cold storage eggs are those stored in rooms whose temperature has been artificially controlled to a value lower than 8°C. Such eggs must be identified as 'cold stored eggs'. To avoid sweating, if the temperature outside the cold storage room is more than 5°C greater than inside, the eggs must be warmed in a defrosting room with controlled air conditioning on removal from cold storage. The area of the defrosting room is approx. 12% of that of the cold storage room. The warming-up time for quartered cases is approx. 10 hours; 18–24 hours for complete and half cases.

Stacking of the quartered cases in the defrosting room: around 5000–6000 eggs (approx. 400 kg gross) per m².
Crates of 500 eggs are 920 mm long, 480 mm wide and 180 mm high; for 122 dozen (= 1440) eggs, 1750 x 530 x 250 mm. A basis for calculation is 10–13 crates for 30 dozen, occupying 1 m³ in the storage room; since one egg weighs 50–60 grams, there is a weight of between 180–220 kg of eggs in the 1 m³. A net volume of 2.8 m³ cold room capacity is required for 10,000 eggs. Two million eggs fill 15 freight wagons. For export, the eggs are packed in crates of 1440 items; wood shavings are used as packing between the eggs, giving a gross weight of 80–105 kg. For Egyptian eggs, this weight is 70–87 kg, i.e. the empty crate and shavings weigh 16–18 kg. One wagon contains 100 half export crates holding 144,000 eggs or 400 'lost' crates with 360 items each. Standard crates for 360 eggs are 660 mm long, 316 mm wide and 361 mm high (the so-called 'lost' crates). They can be divided into two by a central partition. Cardboard inserts are used. The crates are made from dry spruce; pine is unsuitable. Stacked 7 crates high, 10,000–11,000 eggs can be stored on a net area of 1 m². Dry air, at 75% humidity and air-light packing is used, with cube-shaped crates with 360 eggs in each, in protective cardboard pockets. If the eggs are exposed to the ingress of air, the air humidity can be 83–85%. The air humidity in the store is controlled by first supercooling then heating it within the ventilation system. The weight loss during the first months in cold storage is severer than later months; a weight loss of 3–4.5% occurs after 7 months. Eggs can also be conserved in a gaseous atmosphere of 88% CO₂ and 12% N₂, after Lescarde-Evenaar, in gas-filled autoclaves at around 0°C. This preserves the eggs in their natural state.

Uniformity of temperature and air humidity are important factors. Ozone is frequently introduced into egg cold storage rooms. The cooling requirement during storage is 3300–5000 kJ/day per m² of floor surface – higher during the period when eggs are introduced. The storage periods run from Apr/May to Oct/Nov.

Cooling and refrigeration of poultry and game
Large game (red deer, roe deer, wild boar) must be drawn before freezing, but this is not necessary for small game (hare, rabbit, game birds). Freezing takes place before plucking, with the game free-hanging; storage being in stacks on gridded floor panels. There should be plenty of air movement during freezing, but little during storage. These numbers of game can be stored per square metre of floor area (3 m³/h high): approx. 100 hares, or 20 roe deer, or 7–10 red deer. The air humidity should be approx. 85% at -12°C.

The poultry should not be frozen and stored with game, as the fat content of the former requires a lower temp. and is sensitive to the smell of game. The cooling of poultry takes place at 0°C and at 80–85% relative humidity, with the birds suspended on frames, or alternatively, in iced water; storage at 0°C and 85% relative humidity, with a storage duration of approx. 7 days. Freezing at approx. -30–35°C, storage at around -25°C and 85–90% relative humidity. The freezing time for a chicken is approx. 4 hours at an air velocity of 2–3 m/sec. Deep freezing, using the cryovac method, takes place in vacuum latex bags. Young chickens will freeze through in 2–3 hours. Storage duration is approx. 8 months at -18°C. To prevent rancidity, the poultry is protected by wrapping in water vapour tight polyethylene film.