Dehumidification Systems

FOR COMMERCIAL ROOFTOP UNITS AND SPLIT SYSTEMS
Superior humidity and temperature control every day of the year

With the Humiditrol® dehumidification system from Lennox, you can easily reduce humidity levels regardless of room temperature. The unique dehumidification-on-demand design removes moisture based on relative humidity levels—not the temperature—so it’s easy and efficient to create a better indoor environment.

**Why the Humiditrol® dehumidification system is more effective**

The Humiditrol dehumidification system is different from standard dehumidification products that use cooling to remove moisture. That method can backfire by overcooling the space and leading to condensation and mold growth, even damaging building materials. The Humiditrol system removes moisture with minimal effect on temperature, avoiding problems with overcooling.

**Reduced humidity is better for business**

High humidity levels can make people feel sticky and may create a breeding ground for mold, mildew, dust mites, and bacteria. This environment not only affects customer comfort, but can also compromise the integrity of computers and electronics, building materials, and stocked items.

Maintaining relative humidity levels between 30% and 60% will help improve comfort and reduce the spread of allergens that may lead to absenteeism and long-term health problems such as asthma.

**Controlling humidity is more important than ever**

Today’s buildings feature tight construction to reduce the amount of air leakage. While that may reduce sensible cooling loads, moisture levels may actually increase as a result of the minimal exchange with outside air. Additionally, ASHRAE standards require fresh-air ventilation based on occupancy regardless of outdoor conditions. The result is that when outdoor humidity is high, the latent load can exceed the sensible load, increasing the need for independent humidity control.

**Indoor air quality productivity costs**

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<th>Estimated number of employees</th>
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<td>Salary cost (per average employee)</td>
<td>$30,000</td>
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<td>Total staff (yearly)</td>
<td>$1,950,000</td>
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<td>Productivity losses due to poor thermal comfort, absenteeism, comfort, etc. (average %)</td>
<td>3%</td>
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<td>Total lost productivity</td>
<td>$58,500</td>
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**Optimal comfort zone**

[Diagram showing optimal comfort zone for various indoor pollutants like bacteria, viruses, fungi, mites, and allergic rhinitis/asthma.

Source: Adapted from Sterling et al., 1985

*At 65°F, the Humiditrol® dehumidification system for rooftop units removes more than 1.44 gallons of water per hour.

**Performance information is for 82°F outdoor temperature and indoor conditions per ANSI/AHAM dehumidifier test standard DH-1 for split system Humiditrol® dehumidification system.
Humidity control for rooftop units

The Humiditrol® dehumidification system for Energence® rooftop units uses a patented design to help ensure the best comfort control.

Operation is driven by the Prodigy® Control System featuring an intuitive user interface that makes setup, troubleshooting and servicing easier than ever. Each unit tracks the runtime of every major component and records the date and time when service or maintenance is performed. The control system intelligently operates the rooftop unit to help ensure reliability, maximum efficiency and comfort while reducing start-up issues.

Innovative yet simple design

- Only three components are added to the standard cooling system for a simple, reliable design
- Allows one rooftop unit to independently control temperature and reduce humidity
- Activation is based on input from the humidity sensor, dehumidistat or third-party signal
- Several convenient options for monitoring and controlling humidity:
  - At the unit through the Prodigy Control System via today’s most popular open protocols such as BACnet and LonTalk®
  - Through the L Connection® Network control panel
  - Even from a computer or remote location by using L Connection Network software

Easy access to system components

- The three-way valve and check valve can be easily accessed in the unit’s compressor section
- The Humiditrol add-on board is located on the Prodigy control system
- The reheat coil is installed downstream next to the evaporator coil and is accessible via hinged toolless access panels

An integrated dehumidification system with your rooftop unit

The Humiditrol dehumidification system is factory-installed with Energence rooftop units. This lowers installation and maintenance costs of separate dehumidification systems. Operation requires only the addition of a humidity sensor, further simplifying installation and lowering service and repair costs. On multiple-compressor systems, rooftop units with the Humiditrol dehumidification system can vary their sensible-to-latent ratio based on patented technology to match space requirements, delivering just the right amount of cooling and/or dehumidification.

Competitive comparison

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<th>Humiditrol® Dehumidification System</th>
<th>Standard Rooftop Unit</th>
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<tr>
<td>Dehumidification without cooling demand</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Thermostat-initiated latent capacity limited on cooler days</td>
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<td>Improved dehumidification over temperature-initiated dehumidification systems</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Humidity removal initiated by humidity level, not temperature</td>
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<td>Full-load dehumidification with part-load cooling</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Humiditrol dehumidification system allows all compressors to provide full-load dehumidification and part-load cooling</td>
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<tr>
<td>Improved latent capacity over cooling operation</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Additional subcooling yields colder evaporator, greater latent capacity over standard AC circuit</td>
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Energy-efficient dehumidification

The advanced Humiditrol® dehumidification system is available for Energence® 3- to 50-ton high-efficiency rooftop unit models.**

The advanced system reduces power consumption in dehumidification mode by:

- Lowering the indoor airflow while increasing latent capacity
- Lowering the outdoor fan speed

Two-compressor Humiditrol® model*

Dehumidification and part-load cooling operation for a two-compressor model

1. The Prodigy® control system initiates the dehumidification cycle when it senses that both room temperature and humidity level are above the desired setpoint, or if just the humidity level is above the setpoint.

2. If there is only a humidity demand, the fans, compressor, and evaporator and reheat coils of circuit number one are activated. If there is a demand for both temperature and humidity, then the fans, compressor and evaporator coil of circuit number two are also activated.

3. The mixed indoor/outdoor air is cooled and dehumidified as it passes through the active evaporator coils.

4. The cooled and dehumidified air is heated back to near room temperature if there is only a dehumidification demand or is partially reheated if there is a demand for both dehumidification and cooling.

5. This patented sequencing of the two-compressor system allows the unit to provide part-load dehumidification and no cooling or full-load dehumidification and part-load cooling. This operating sequence is ideal for mild-temperature, high-humidity times of the year.

*To see complete sequence of operation information for one-, two-, three- and four-compressor models, please reference our Energence® rooftop unit gas-electric and electric-electric engineering handbooks.

**Not available on 30-ton models.
Humidity control for split systems

The Humiditrol® dehumidification system is available as a field-installed accessory for 3- to 5-ton S-Class® and T-Class™ commercial air conditioner and heat pump split systems from Lennox, as well as select residential models.

Installation and operation require no additional control boards or sensors, which reduces the cost of parts, installation and maintenance for a lower total cost of ownership.

Minimum Humiditrol® system requirements

- Humiditrol dehumidification system
- Lennox® variable-speed furnace or air handler
- Lennox air conditioner or heat pump
- ComfortSense® 7500 thermostat*

Higher-performance humidity control

Adding the Humiditrol dehumidification system to split systems provides independent humidity and temperature control in one easy-to-use device, with moisture removal that significantly outperforms conventional dehumidifiers. Because S-Class and T-Class units are ENERGY STAR® certified, they also control energy usage for lower utility costs.**

By reducing humidity, they also help your building feel cooler.

Add the iComfort Wi-Fi® touchscreen thermostat

The addition of the Humiditrol dehumidification system requires an iComfort Wi-Fi® touchscreen or ComfortSense® 7500 thermostat,* which is easily integrated into your heating and cooling system to regulate moisture levels and temperature. The system provides remote access with wi-fi connectivity, multiple programming options and a simple touchscreen interface.

Operating efficiency*

| Humiditrol® EDA-036 with S-Class SSB036H4A and CBX32MV-036 and a ComfortSense® touchscreen thermostat |
| 30 liter/day dehumidifier with ENERGY STAR® qualifying Energy Factor of 1.5 liter/kWh |

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*Select units will also require the Equipment Interface Module.

**See S-Class and T-Class split system product brochures for details on efficiency and energy usage.

Precision humidity and temperature control in one easy-to-use device

1. Humid air enters the split system
2. Humidity is removed at the evaporator coil
3. Air is adjusted to the desired temperature using the patented Humiditrol system technology
4. Air with appropriate temperature/humidity levels makes the space more comfortable and helps improve IAQ
Solutions for customized comfort

Don’t just choose a Lennox product—choose a Lennox® Commercial Comfort System. These complete packages of HVAC solutions provide tools to create a healthy and comfortable environment.

Packaged Units
- Energence® Rooftop Units
- Strategos® Rooftop Units
- Landmark® Rooftop Units
- Raider® Rooftop Units
- Accessories

Commercial Controls
- Systems Integration Solutions
- Commercial Thermostats
- L Connection® Network

VRF
- Outdoor Units
- Indoor Units
- Controls
- Accessories

Mini-Split Systems
- Wall-Mounted Non-Ducted
- Ceiling Cassette Non-Ducted
- Medium-Static Ducted
- Ceiling/Floor Non-Ducted

Split Systems
- S-Class® Air Conditioners/Heat Pumps
- T-Class™ Air Conditioners/Heat Pumps
- Air Handlers
- Indoor Coils

Solar Ready
- SunSource® Commercial Energy System

Heating
- Unit Heaters
- Duct Furnaces
- Furnaces

Indoor Air Quality
- Humiditrol® Dehumidification System
- Demand Control Ventilation
- Air Filters
- UVC Lamps