

Refrigerated Compressed Air Dryers

FLEX SERIES - ENERGY SAVING SOLUTION





Sustainable Energy Saving Solutions

SPX FLOW is a place where innovation is constant, and the real world needs of our customers are understood. We transform market inspired ideas into actioned solutions enabling our global customers to meet their sustainability goals, and thrive in a complex, ever-changing marketplace.

Utilizing the latest advancements in heat transfer technology, FLEX Series refrigerated dryers offer an innovative approach to efficiently remove liquid contamination from compressed air.

The FLEX Advantage

FLEX Series dryers are designed with 3-in-1 heat exchangers (patent pending) and a phase change material (PCM) encapsulated between the refrigeration and compressed air circuits, serving as a highly effective reservoir for thermal storage.

The PCM possesses high latent heat properties which enables it to melt or freeze at a constant temperature. The phase change material will absorb heat from warm, moisture laden compressed air without a significant rise in temperature.

The phase change material stays colder for longer periods of time, cycling the refrigerant compressor less often than conventional energy saving designs.



Energy Saving Sustainability

The FLEX Series lowers air system power costs and improves productivity by matching power consumption to compressed air demand. In a typical manufacturing facility, up to 30% of electricity consumed is for generating and treating compressed air. To reduce total cost of operation and qualify for utility company incentive programs, proper air treatment equipment selection and application is required.

LOAD MATCHING PERFORMANCE

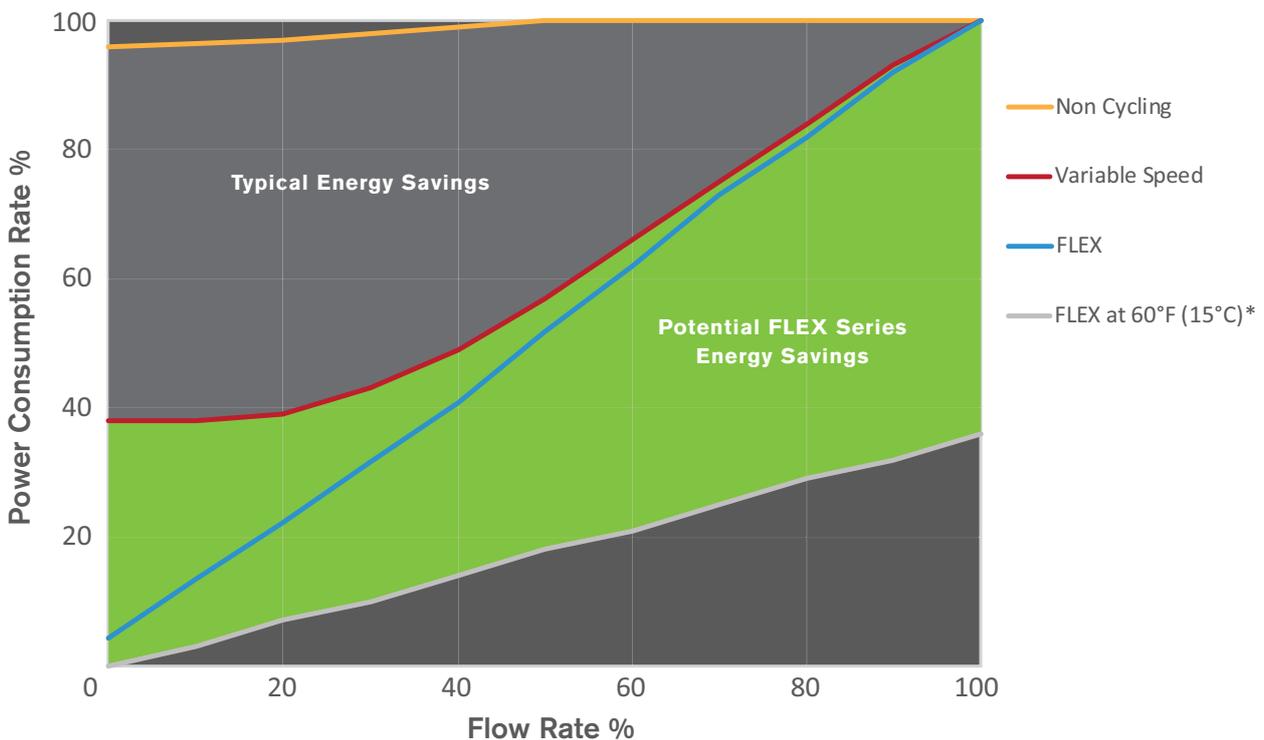
Compressed air load profiles in most manufacturing facilities fluctuate. The FLEX Series provides cost-effective energy savings by matching electrical power consumed in direct proportion to air demand. Linear load matching is achieved from 0% up to 100% demand.

Non-cycling dryers operate with the refrigeration compressor running continuously, regardless of inlet load conditions. Minimal energy savings are realized from 100% down to 0% inlet air load.

LINEAR ENERGY SAVINGS

FLEX Series dryers automatically cycle (on /off) the refrigeration compressor in response to inlet load conditions. As the inlet air load is reduced, the power requirement to dry the air is matched in proportion to the demand. For example, at 60% inlet air load, a non-cycling dryer consumes 96% of the full load power consumption, a 4% energy savings. By comparison, at 60% inlet air load, the FLEX Series consumes only 60 % of the full load power, a 40% energy savings.

ENERGY SAVINGS COMPARISON



Dryers are rated in accordance to ISO 7183 standard rating conditions.

* FLEX Series also shown at an ambient temperature of 60°F (15°C)

Note: The power consumption data set forth above for non cycling dryers and variable speed dryers was obtained from an article titled "Cycling Refrigerated Dryers – Are Savings Significant?" published in Compressed Air Best Practices in November 2011. The power consumption data set forth above for the FLEX dryer is based on laboratory testing performed on a FLX 1.2 model dryer. We expect that power consumption data between non cycling, variable speed and the FLEX dryer would be consistent regardless of the size of the dryer.

Better by Design

FLEX SERIES 75 TO 550 SCFM (127 TO 935 M³/H)

The FLEX Series is the ideal solution to reliably and economically dry compressed air. The innovative technology does not require a recirculating pump and associated piping. This results in a simpler, more energy efficient design.

① Stainless steel brazed plate 3-in-1 heat exchanger (patent pending), with phase change material reservoir

- The PCM thermal reservoir operates at a precise temperature to deliver a stable pressure dew point.
- Smooth, non-fouling stainless steel surfaces with low pressure drop, optimizing air system efficiency

② No-air-loss, demand drain efficiently removes condensate without loss of compressed air

- Condensate drain lines terminate at discharge connections conveniently located on the side of the dryer
- Failure to discharge alarm on the operator interface enhances system reliability

③ High efficiency, up-flow aluminum air-cooled condenser

- Pulls ambient air through the condenser and releases out the top of the dryer condenser
- Provides cooler condensing air and greater efficiency

④ Reliable, hermetic refrigerant compressors

- Environmentally friendly, globally accepted refrigerants
- Rugged design, for long-term operation

Controllers, with LCD display provide ease of monitoring and operating status

- ⑤ FLX 1.1 – FLX 1.2 – Energy saving (%), dryer operating time, refrigeration compressor operating time, active fault message and dew point status



- ⑥ FLX 1.5– FLX 5.5 – Energy saving (%), dryer operating time, refrigeration compressor operating time, active fault message dew point status, and
- USB connection port to download operating data and upgrade firmware
 - Remote monitoring capability- RS485 communications port (MODBUS)
 - Bluetooth Capability



International Air Quality Class Standards

ISO 8573-1 AIR QUALITY STANDARD

ISO 8573-1, the international standard for compressed air quality, defines the amount of contamination permissible in compressed air.

The ISO standard identifies three primary forms of contamination in compressed air systems – solid particles, water and oil. Contaminants are classified and assigned a quality class, ranging from Class 0, the highest purity level, to Class 6, the most relaxed.

FLEX Series refrigerated air dryers offer the perfect balance between technology and simplicity to dry compressed air systems to ISO 8573-1 Air Quality Class 4-5 pressure dew points.



OPTION PRE-FILTRATION

NGF series – PF grade filtration – removes solid and oil contaminants from the air stream before entering the dryer.

ISO Air Quality Class:

- Solids – Class 2
- Remaining Oil – Class 4
- Removes solids 1.0 micron and larger
- Remaining oil content 2.0. mg/m³

OPTION AFTER-FILTRATION

NGF series – HF grade filtration – provides high efficiency oil removal protecting downstream equipment.

ISO Air Quality Class:

- Solids – Class 1
- Remaining Oil – Class 1
- Removes 99.999+% of solids \geq 0.01 micron
- Remaining oil content < 0.01 mg/m³

Our Performance Commitment to You

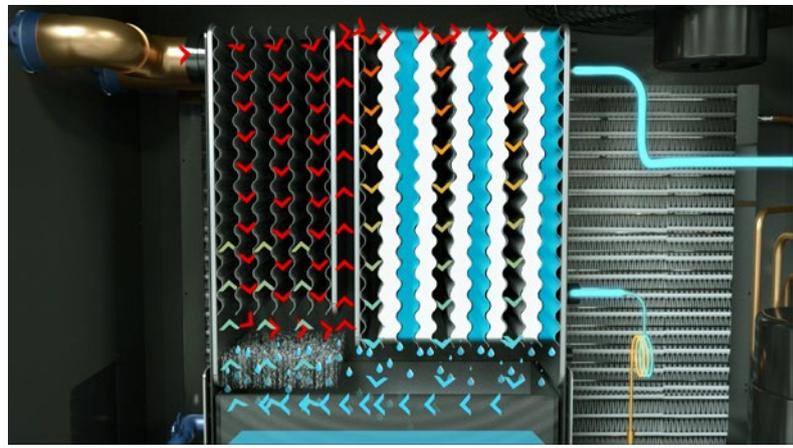
Third Party Performance Certification

SPX FLOW is a member of the Compressed Air and Gas Institute (CAGI), a non-profit organization that develops and publishes standards serving the compressed air industry.

CAGI members may participate in an independently controlled Performance Verification Program for refrigerated air dryers in the flow range of 200 scfm to 1000 scfm (340 to 1700 m³/h). Certification through a third party laboratory provides end-users an industry accepted basis for comparison of refrigerated air dryer performance and selection.

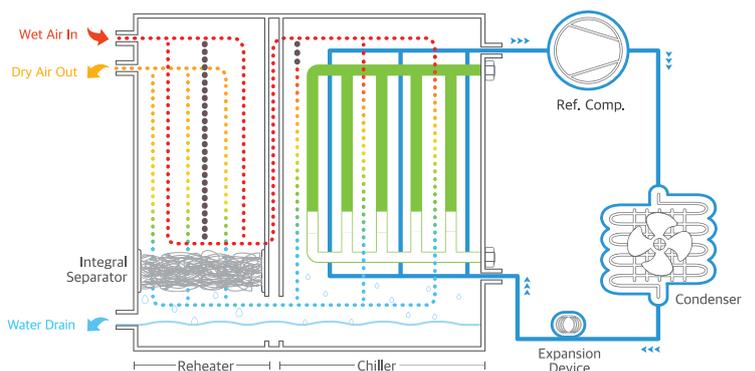
Standardized performance data sheets are posted on the Hankison website.

To view this information please visit:
www.spxflow.com/hankison



How It Works

1. The FLEX Series utilizes a phase change (PCM) heat transfer medium between the refrigeration and compressed air circuits that serves as a reservoir for thermal storage.
2. The thermal reservoir is comprised of a patent pending heat exchanger filled with a phase change material that efficiently transfers heat energy through a "change of state".
 - Phase Change: changing from liquid to solid back to liquid in a continuous cycle.
3. The refrigeration circuit operates to cool down the PCM until it forms into a solid at which time the refrigeration system switch off.
4. As the compressed air enters the PCM to air section of the heat exchanger, the PCM media absorbs heat from the airstream and begins to melt the PCM media at a constant temperature.
5. When most of the PCM media has turned to liquid the refrigeration system switches on to again cool down the PCM media turning it back into a solid.
6. This cycle repeats as required to meet the corresponding compressed air load on the FLEX dryer.



Product Specifications

DRYER MODEL	INLET FLOW		PRESSURE DROP BAR	VOLTAGES	INLET/OUTLET CONNECTIONS IN	OPERATING POWER KW	DIMENSIONS						APPROX WEIGHT	
	SCFM	M ³ /H					H IN	H MM	W IN	W MM	D IN	D MM	LB	KG
FLX 1.1	75	127	0.23	230/1/50	1"	0.43	30	751	14	363	24	603	137	62
FLX 1.2	100	170	0.21	230/1/50	1"	0.43	28	711	14	363	31	781	152	69
FLX 1.5	150	255	0.15	230/1/50	2"	0.59	30	761	17	443	36	901	179	81
FLX 2.1	200	340	0.15	230/1/50	2"	0.85	30	761	18	443	38	961	180	82
FLX 3.1	300	509	0.16	230/1/50	2"	1.30	36	911	19	493	44	1111	278	126
FLX 4.1	400	680	0.17	230/1/50	2"	1.66	36	911	19	493	44	1111	338	153
FLX 5.5	550	935	0.23	230/1/50	2"	2.00	41	1032	19	493	47	1203	393	178

Capacity Correction Factors

To adjust the dryer capacity for non-standard conditions, use the Capacity Correction Factors (multipliers) from Tables 1, 2 & 3.

Table 1 - Inlet Air Pressure

INLET AIR PRESSURE	75 psig 5 barg	100 psig 7 barg	120 psig 8 barg	150 psig 10 barg	225 psig 16 barg
Multiplier	0.92	1.00	1.03	1.10	1.24

Table 2 - Inlet Air Temperature

INLET AIR TEMPERATURE	86°F/30°C	95°F/35°C	104°F/40°C	113°F/45°C	120°F/49°C
Multiplier	1.15	1.00	0.85	0.71	0.63

Table 3 - Ambient Air Temperature

AMBIENT AIR TEMPERATURE	77°F/25°C	86°F/30°C	95°F/35°C	104°F/40°C	113°F/45°C
Multiplier	1.00	0.92	0.85	0.80	0.78



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